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LETTERS

Smith's Rationale

Has District Attorney Arlo Smith simply become senile or is he working for an appointment in Mayor Jordan's administration, too?

Mr. Smith's rationale, that since the *SF Bay Times* is "given away free, the market value is zero," would be interesting if applied to, say, television or radio signals. After all, they're sent out free also. Does that mean Mr. Smith thinks the "market value" of NBC and CBS is also zero? As a culture critic, he might be right. But in the real world of media he is way off the deep end.

It appears that, since the DA gives his opinions for free as well, they must be—and in this instance certainly are—worth zero.

Aside from this, Mr. Smith's opinion now amounts to a virtual invitation to any hooligan, like Mr. Hongisto, et al., to trash the gay and lesbian press here, as well as papers such as *SF Weekly* and the *Bay Guardian*, whenever they want to.

Clearly San Francisco needs a new district attorney—preferably one whose "little gray cells" are still working.

Keith Clark
San Francisco

Congratulations

My congratulations to the *SF Bay Times* and its staff for the courage and fortitude to not back down or sweep under the carpet this clear violation of constitutional rights. The police officer who reported this to the deputy sheriff lit the fuse, but without your resolve not to let this go unnoticed, the news would have been very different. As a human being and a lesbian I am very proud.

The last decade has been cause for growing concern as I watch our community and the rights of the general population, whether constitutional or not, slowly erode. With equal horror I have also witnessed the general apathy of both groups. What you and your staff have accomplished is to be applauded and used as a guidepost for the future. The determination to not allow this to be buried, but to keep this issue in the spotlight, is perhaps the beginning of a comeback for both communities.

Again, thank you and my deepest congratulations.

Maggie Mamer
San Francisco

Sad Days

I want to go on record as saying that Hongisto's firing and your cover page were equally sad events for San Francisco.

I do not believe that confiscating the newspapers with the offensive depiction was right. Nor do I believe that you were right to do what you did after a man had only been chief for 44 days.

There is no human being who can please everyone, but to be so blunt is an affront to the peace of San Francisco. As a newspaper, you can contribute a great deal to a smooth blend of the population. It takes time to change anything and I do not feel that you gave an individual that precious opportunity to try and develop a positive police department.

We all want equality. It doesn't come easily and it doesn't come in 44 days.

It was a crude and ugly picture and I feel that you have hurt your readers, Richard Hongisto, Mayor Jordan, and all the citizens of San Francisco. If you want peace, show peace. If you want fairness, show fairness.

Sue Driscoll
Novato, CA

Congratulations and Caution

Congratulations to the *SF Bay Times* for clinching the downfall of police boss Richard Hongisto. Judging from the actions of the police department under Hongisto, free speech and free information must indeed be powerful and dangerous to the standing power structure. A friend and I were harassed by two different police patrols on May 6 while passing out flyers at Castro Muni station. Police intimidated and locked up close to 2,000 demonstrators in the course of three evenings and continue to cite language on flyers as "proof" that all protesters were going to be violent. The theft of 2,000 copies of the *SF Bay Times* is, therefore, merely the culmination of efforts by the Hongisto police department and Jordan administration to attack and suppress free speech.

A word of caution: Chief Hongisto was fired for looting newsracks, not for locking up innocent people. He and Frank Jordan must be held responsible for the wholesale violation of civil rights that occurred following the Rodney King verdict. It's going to be hard to nail Jordan for this one now that Hongisto is gone. We must all keep the pressure on him and work to ensure that the Board of Supervisors, Office of Citizens Complaints, and other bodies investigate and prosecute police abuses to the fullest, in order to safeguard our fundamental civil rights and to show—the *Sentinel* notwithstanding—that Jordan and Hongisto are isolated in their rampaging crusade against community activists.

Bryant Kong
San Francisco

A Significant Reader

In the spate of media reports concerning the firing of Richard Hongisto, the *SF Bay Times* has consistently been referred to as an "insignificant, free paper," that "almost nobody" reads. These are troubling observations, for a number of reasons.

I was under the impression that the First Amendment protects press freedom without consideration for circulation or cost. Whether a newspaper prints 10 or 10,000 copies, and whether those copies are distributed free of charge or for 35 cents, should not determine its value as a vehicle for ideas and information.

Newscasters, reporters and political pundits have generally echoed police Captain John Gleeson, who, in lamenting Hongisto's discharge, said, "What a way to go—over a free newspaper that nobody reads." If the *SF Bay Times* had cost a dime, would it all make much more sense? How stupid.

A chilling message actually underlies these sentiments: Confiscating newspapers can be excused, as long as the paper is free...or if the paper is primarily intended for gay, lesbian and bisexual readers.

The constant suggestion that "nobody" reads the *SF Bay Times* is especially insulting. I read the paper. My friends, family and colleagues read the paper. We do not appreciate being referred to as "nobody."

Describing a paper that serves the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities as serving "nobody" demonstrates blatant homophobia and heterosexist bigotry on the part of the mainstream media. I doubt that a "straight" newspaper would have been characterized with such slovenly disrespect. Did any reporter bother to inquire about who actually reads the *SF Bay Times*, and why? Though television stations have displayed the now-infamous cover of the paper again and again, did anyone bother to open the *SF Bay Times* and take a look at what was inside?

The *SF Bay Times* provides one of the City's most robust forums for community debate. It is, to my knowledge, the only major paper in our community that is published by a woman. The paper prints what may be the most comprehensive guide to resources for people with HIV, people of color, women and youth. The *SF Bay Times* regularly offers first-rate political reporting, community news, arts reviews and commentary.

When issues of the paper are stolen from their racks, all of that—and more—is stolen. That *is* a crime of enormous proportions.

Finally, the mainstream press has also missed the mark in continually referring to the *SF Bay Times'* composite of Hongisto as "lewd." Even our simpleton Mayor felt compelled to call the cover "tasteless." Actually, I found the image compelling. As with any clever editorial cartoon or political graphic, the *SF Bay Times* cover made an important point. The abuse of police power is exceedingly phallocentric. "Macho" posing by the police exposes an insecure desire to exert control through brute force, a pathetic attempt to prove to the world that you carry the biggest stick. Perhaps the (male) police officers who stole these newspapers simply found that message a bit too threatening to their—shall we say—"manhood."

Al Keilwasser
San Francisco

Obscene Photo

It is with regret that I saw the obscene, disgusting photo of Richard Hongisto printed by your underground newspaper. As someone said: "It took a gay tabloid to unseat the Police Chief." Who is next? The Mayor?

You played right into the hands of the Supervisors. I understand that Mr. Hongisto has always been very kind toward the homosexuals, plus other minorities.

I am most happy to inform you that my associates, plus many of my dear, dear homosexual friends, would not be party to such obscenity.

I think the photo and implications are a disgrace to the homosexual community.

Mrs. Enid Leuthold
San Francisco

Supremely Ironic

I find it supremely ironic that Richard Hongisto sits in his living room in Pacific Heights and has the entire news media—TV, newspapers and radio—at his disposal going on two weeks now to express his views.

Perhaps he wouldn't be in this spot if he considered for a moment the perspective of a regular citizen who has very limited ways to express his or her views. I can vote, I can assemble in public and I can write to editors or publish my views in my community newspaper.

Of course I never thought it would come to the point in San Francisco when I wouldn't be able to peacefully assemble; to the point when my community newspaper would be confiscated so my views would not be heard. And to have this done by some misguided, conceited public official who thinks he knows better than the Constitution of the United States.

Do I have to fear the next step, that some official will confiscate, under cover of darkness, all the voter registrations from neighborhoods where they don't have complete and unequivocal support?

I pray that I can still vote in the elections to come, because you are going to hear from me!

Jane Tierney
Berkeley

Shame!

What a crude, vulgar, despicable, contemptible mind! Imagine, deliberately placing thousands of copies of a genital-oriented, demeaning, insulting newspaper cover where normal [sic], decent people—including children—could see it! The Chief should sue the hell out of you! Enough is enough! I certainly wouldn't allow some lesbian pissant [sic] to insult me. It is conduct like this that causes lesbians and homosexuals to be held in contempt. Also, the firebombing of San Francisco police cars last year and the recent smashing of California State Building windows amounts to criminal anarchy, not legitimate protests! And last night's flag burning—shame! My buddies didn't die in the South Pacific in World War II so your ilk could burn the flag they gave their lives for.

Unsigned
Oakland

Precipitous Firing

The following letter was sent to Mayor Frank Jordan:

I believe that the recent firing of Richard Hongisto as Chief of Police was grossly unfair and unwise. Mr. Hongisto may have made some mistakes, as anyone with the courage to take risks will, but his precipitous firing after six weeks on the job is, I believe, an absolutely unjust treatment of a dedicated public servant trying to do a difficult job as best he knew how.

It seems clear that the rank and file of the police department felt that they had a chief who would listen to them and support them. I believe your administration was even gaining credibility as a result of his efforts to protect the public. Some would say that he overreacted on one or more occasions, but he does listen, and I believe that he would have learned from his experiences.

Mr. Hongisto's willingness to hire and encourage minorities in the police department was a definite asset. Those who were arrested in the recent police sweeps may not be cognizant of his views and past record in this regard. No one likes to be arrested, but the safety of the public must come first. Frightened residents of the Tenderloin, as well as downtown and Outer Market merchants hoping to avoid a Los Angeles-style rampage, can and do appreciate Mr. Hongisto's efforts on their behalf.

I certainly believe Mr. Hongisto when he says that

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The Story You're About To Hear Is True...

By Kim Corsaro

Hongisto head photo and SF Bay Times *art director Brendan Ward body photo by Rink.*

Imagine our surprise.

Two weeks ago, the *San Francisco Bay Times* produced and distributed our May 7 edition. It was business as usual for us, but the climate in San Francisco was entirely out of the ordinary. A city with a long tradition of free political expression and diversity of opinion—the city that people all across the U.S. had found as a haven from a myriad of oppressions—had turned into something else. The Police Chief of San Francisco, Richard Hongisto, had made one thing perfectly clear: Legitimate political dissent would no longer be tolerated. He told the citizens of San Francisco to equate the demonstrators with the looters. He boasted that "not one window had been broken" as he illegally rounded up hundreds of people for arrest and detention.

The May 7 issue contained a news feature that covered the mass arrests and the state of emergency that had turned the City-by-the-Bay into an armed camp. The week before, on May 1, *SF Bay Times* reporter Tim Kingston had been arrested—along with hundreds of peaceful protesters and anyone else who happened to be in the neighborhood—and his press credentials had been seized. We got him out of jail and drove down Market Street. It was midnight, the second night of the curfew. Shielded only by our police-issue vehicle press pass, we witnessed a deserted San Francisco under military siege. Heavily armed clusters of police were posted at every intersection. Few cars and fewer pedestrians were out.

The cover of the May 7 edition also carried a collage image—a lampoon—of the Chief, with the headline "Dick's Cool New Tool: Martial Law." OK, so it was a little rude. But all those arrests and the Chief's interpretation of the Constitution were downright obscene.

On the morning of May 8, *Bay Times* received an anonymous phone call. The tipster told our receptionist that he had witnessed some men removing all of our newspapers from racks at the corner of Church and Market. He said the car was already full of papers. He said he saw the vehicle leave that intersection and head on up to the Castro. Our caller gave us a license plate number—he said he wasn't entirely sure of it, but he thought it was close.

I sent a staffer to the Castro to investigate. It was immediately apparent that thousands of newspapers were missing.

All things considered, it didn't seem likely that the police would wholeheartedly investigate the theft. So I called a private investigator to run the license plate. Feeling a little foolish and fearing that I sounded a bit paranoid, I said I just wondered if there could possibly be some connection to the police—you know, some hotheaded off-duty cop, maybe a sympathetic friend.

There the matter lay—the license plate didn't pan out. On the evening of May 8, another peaceful demonstration of several hundred people was sabatoged by police action, resulting in the arrest of almost the entire crowd. All of this newspaper's attention turned to following the events of the weekend. On May 11, Chief Hongisto called for a 30-day suspension of political demonstrations in San Francisco. The newsrack theft paled.

On Tuesday morning, May 12, another phone call came, this time from a colleague informing me that at that moment Deputy Chief Frank Reed was meeting with the Mayor to discuss allegations that Police Chief Hongisto had ordered the removal of *SF Bay Times* from our racks.

Imagine my surprise.

In the ensuing frenzied events, by now well documented by local media—and reported around the world—Richard Hongisto lost his job as Police Chief. The Police Commission didn't buy his preposterous story that he had thousands of copies stripped from the racks to hand out to the troops. (Why were they locked in someone's garage for several days if that was the plan?) As we go to press with this issue, the Police Commission and the Mayor have issued what they say is the final word: It's no city job for the ex-Chief.

MEDIA STORM

It's quite exceptional to be at the eye of a media storm. For an entire week, we were besieged by reporters 24 hours a day. The early moments of the story—before the infamous cover was shown on TV and reprinted in the dailies—were especially entertaining, as earnest reporters who hadn't seen it were trying to figure out the source of the fuss.

There's just no polite way to describe that cover, and it comes off much worse in the telling than it actually is visually. My favorite moment was with an NPR reporter who asked for an explanation. I volunteered that "Hongisto was holding a nightstick, uh... between his legs." "Was that an erect nightstick?" she queried.

It was equally fascinating to witness journalists dig out the essence of events that had transpired between a very few people. Rita Williams at Channel 2, Bernie Ward on KGO radio, and the entire crew at news radio KCBS were exceptional. The *Chronicle* delivered new dirt every morning, and each edition of the *Examiner* brought fresh revelations throughout the day.

The story went national, and reporters from all over the country had the same question: "What the hell is going on?" The East Coast media had a swell time with the "Only In San Francisco" angle. A researcher from "Prime Time Live" called *Bay Times* to report that Sam Donaldson had stalked into her office that morning and thrown the clipping from the *Washington Post* on her desk. "I can't believe this story is true," he barked at her. "Find out what's happening in San Francisco."

The story in San Francisco was straighforward and unbelieveable: Police officers had seized a newspaper that carried a story critical of their actions. That's not supposed to happen in the United States. Those are stories we hear about military dictatorships in totalitarian countries. The *Bay Times* was critical of a police action that swept hundreds of people from the streets in a several block radius, *and chased some people down and arrested them more than a mile from the scene from which they had dispersed under police orders*. That's not supposed to happen in the United States.

We're supposed to have a Constitution that protects us from all that. "Freedom of the press" is supposedly a cherished First Amendment protection. "Prior restraint"... suppression of speech "under the color of authority"... aren't those crimes under the Constitution? All of those phrases we remember from our earliest civics classes had been flushed down the toilet with one stupid phone call from the Chief and the ensuing actions by a band of rogue cops.

While some folks understood the gravity of the situation, the primary concern on a lot of people's minds was that a "trashy" publication "that nobody reads" had published a "lewd" composite of a beloved Police Chief. In one 30-minute stint on KGO newstalk radio, I lost count of the number of angry, semi-hysterical callers that blasted me as a filthy pornographer. Not one single caller questioned the Chief's actions. No one expressed concern that hundreds of peaceful protesters and innocent bystanders had been routinely and violently rounded up and carted off to jail.

After I went off the air, I talked to a staffer at the station, and wondered if they had just sent me the particularly nasty callers to deal with. "No," I was assured, "those were all the calls we got."

A whole lot of people didn't seem to care that the Constitution had been gutted. Many people seemed to forget that we can't have a democracy without a free press; that we aren't truly a free country unless we can peacefully assemble and demonstrate in the streets. The guy who called KGO to say he'd like to put flyers out in the Castro calling for slimy faggots to die and go to hell probably cheered when the Berlin Wall fell. The woman who called our office over and over again to rant and swear about our filthy newspaper probably runs up the Stars and Stripes on Presidents Day.

"The loss of free speech is regrettable, but it is a cheap price to pay," spoke the Police Chief. Taking thousands of copies of the *Bay Times* is not theft, said the District Attorney. This type of constitutional price fixing is a novelty in San Francisco, where some of us had not thought to compare the value of the right to assemble to the cost of new windows, or measure the worth of a 60-page newspaper in terms of the recyling market for newsprint.

In five short weeks, Hongisto had blackened a 30-year record of service to the community and liberal leadership, with transgressions that transcend political good works on any single issue. Gay Americans, Black Americans, Seniors, Environmentalists, and any other groups that work on a particular political agenda, share a higher set of convictions as Americans. And these convictions, like the *SF Bay Times*, have no price.

SF BAY TIMES ENDORSES: VOTE JUNE 2

San Francisco Bay Times offers the following slate of election recommendations in the June 2 California primary. As in every election, it's important that all of us vote to demonstrate the strength of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community at the polls, regardless of our party affiliation.

In the Democratic presidential primary, after careful consideration, *San Francisco Bay Times* recommends Bill Clinton. While this paper's politics are more closely aligned with those of Jerry Brown, we feel very strongly that the gay/lesbian/bisexual community's best interests—and those of just about everyone else in this country, unless you happen to be fabulously wealthy, white, and heterosexual—will be served by getting George Bush out of the White House. In fact, four more years of Reagan/Bush policies will only result in an exponential growth of deaths from AIDS, the continued erosion of women's right to choose, and an increased expansion of the gap between rich and poor.

It's essential, if we have any hope of winning this next election, that we coalesce NOW behind the party's eventual nominee, Bill Clinton. Further protest votes—as a vote for Jerry Brown would be—at this stage of the election only strengthens George Bush's prospects in the Fall. A significantly strong showing by Clinton in Jerry Brown's home state will provide great impetus to the Democrat's campaign to re-capture the White House.

SF Bay Times also offers our endorsements of some candidates in the Republican primary. We are endorsing Republicans based solely on whether they are pro-gay and pro-choice. Races not listed feature candidates that do not meet these relatively narrow criteria. Candidates with homophobic, anti-woman records are listed in italics following some Republican endorsements; is particularly important NOT to vote for them.

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NATIONAL OFFICIALS

President ..... Bill Clinton
U.S. Senate (6-yr) ..... Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senate (2-yr) ..... Dianne Feinstein
Congress: 8th Dist ..... Nancy Pelosi
12th Dist ..... No Endorsement
6th Dist ..... Denis Rice
14th Dist ..... Tom Nolan

STATE OFFICIALS

Assembly: 12th Dist ..... John Burton
13th Dist ..... Willie Brown
Senate ..... Milton Marks

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Claire Zvanski

Non-Partisan Endorsements

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Prop 152 School Facilities Bonds ..... YES
Prop 153 Higher Education Facilities Bonds .... YES
Prop 154 Property Tax Postponement ..... YES

SF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

Judge #5 ..... Ellen Chaitin
Judge #6 ..... Barry Melton

SF PROPOSITIONS

Prop A GG Park Improvement ..... YES
Prop B Civic Center Improvement ..... YES
Prop C Civic Center Parking Garage ..... YES
Prop D Civic Center Heating System ..... YES
Prop E Fixed Allocation of General Fund ..... NO
Prop F County Clerk Duties ..... YES
Prop G Zoo Veterinarian Accountability ..... YES
Prop H Purchaser Inventory ..... NO
Prop I California in Two States ..... YES
Prop J SF in Northern California ..... YES

Republican Primary Endorsements

NATIONAL OFFICIALS

U.S. Senate (6-yr) ..... Tom Campbell
Congress: 6th Dist ..... Bill Filante
12th Dist ..... Jim Tomlin
14th Dist ..... Tom Huening

STATE OFFICIALS

Senate ..... Bill Boerum
Assembly: 13th Dist ..... John Sidline

SF REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

12th Assembly District
Alfred Chang
James Fang
James Howard
Manny Rosales
Do NOT vote for Karl Randolph, Terence Faulkner, Robert Silvestri or Dennis Mark

13th Assembly District
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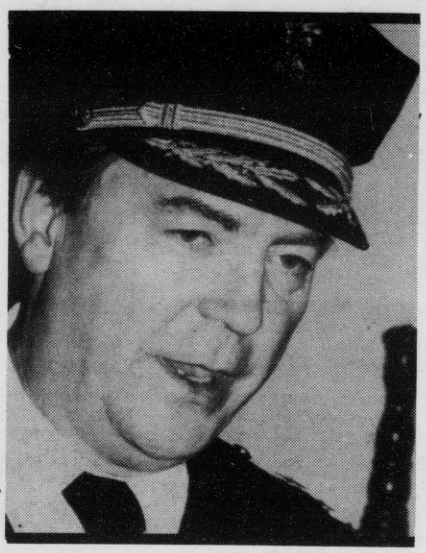

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HONGISTO'S LAST STAND.

by Tim Kingston

"I just find this whole thing so funny," declared Darryl Parker of Roots Against War, at San Francisco's first post-Hongisto rally and demonstration on May 15. "In the past weeks [Hongisto] has been talking about the protesters, saying we are stealing and looting. Then he is on the cover of the *Bay Times*, and *then* he goes and steals the paper!"

John Crew of the ACLU was not surprised by Hongisto's alleged disregard for the law, saying that the ACLU thought, "independent of the *Bay Times* incident, Chief Hongisto showed a shocking disregard for law and the Constitution, and that [disregard] made him unqualified to be chief of police." Crew adds, "The First Amendment protects four rights, and the Chief of Police respected only one—freedom of religion. Batting 250 may be OK for a short stop, but the chief of police should bat 1,000 on the First Amendment."

Crew spoke at a special May 19 Board of Supervisors' committee hearing convened to investigate heavy-handed police actions, when Richard Hongisto was still Chief of Police. On May 8, a demonstration called to protest the Rodney King decision and the state of emergency ended in chaos. Despite the fact that the state of emergency had been called off the week before, 575 people were arrested on Market Street that night, resulting in accusations of police overreaction from protesters, bystanders, volunteer legal observers and Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, among others.

Gonzalez requested on May 14 that the U.S. Attorney investigate possible civil rights violations by the SFPD. The U.S. Attorney for Northern California, William McGivern, is now looking into these charges, but declined to say if any action will be taken.

At the May 19 hearing, Crew held up a tattered copy of the Bill of Rights with the First and Fourth Amendments cut out of it. Crew asserts that the SFPD, ex-Chief Hongisto and Mayor Frank Jordan "looted and robbed people of their rights. The police department's job is to protect property *and* protect the Constitution."

Not everyone agrees that police tactics were wrong. Supervisor Tom Hsieh defended the police actions at the hearing, saying, "Everyone is outraged at the King verdict. Everyone on the board wants to see civil rights protected. But we must also agree that this city did not suffer the same fate as Los Angeles and other cities. We cannot continue to bash [the police]. We must look at the events surrounding the event. I want to compliment the police; without [them], San Francisco would have had a different experience."

The past two weeks have indeed been a very "different experience" for San Francisco.

THE SUPERVISORS INVESTIGATE

Roberta Achtenberg, chair of the City Services committee, kicked off the May 19 meeting by declaring that on May 1 and May 8 "people gathered to march, and on both days people were subject to mass arrests." She says, "We were contacted by many who were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Many others went to demonstrate in the mistaken belief that the Constitution still applied. But they were arrested for doing nothing."

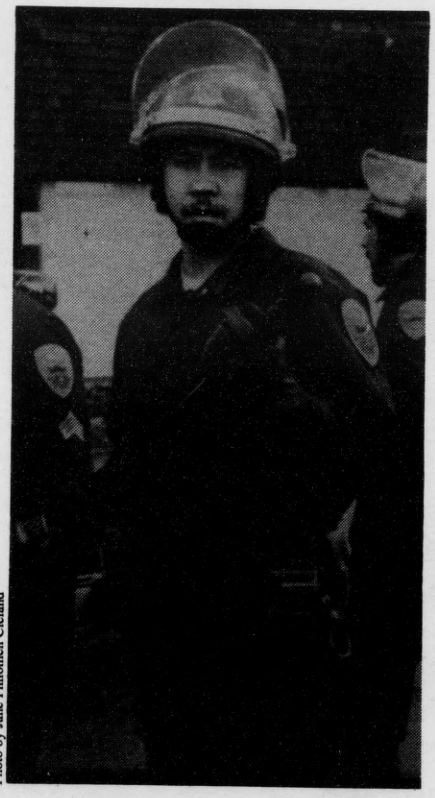
The committee heard testimony from Sheriff Mike Hennessey, Deputy Chief Fred Lau and Commander Jim Arnold, event commander for the May 8 demonstration. All three law enforcement officials were closely questioned by Supervisor Achtenberg about the events of May 8 and the subsequent detention of several hundred people.

Protesters and other witnesses at the May 8 demonstration, as well as attorneys with the ACLU and the National Lawyers Guild, charge that a double line of police deliberately stopped the demonstration from going to Duboce Park. The police line across Duboce Street, for whatever reason, stopped the march and forced the marchers back down Church Street to Market Street. This blockade provoked a confrontation that led to hundreds of arrests.

"There was no warning and no instructions," says attorney Ignatius Bau, of the Lawyers Committee for Urban Affairs, who was arrested on May 8. "The first thing we heard was we were under arrest. When we asked to leave and disperse, the police said we could not." All of the demonstrators contacted by *SF Bay Times* flatly assert they did not hear any dispersal orders. Even if such an order had been given, there were no avenues by which to escape, they say.

The SFPD asserts that the May 8 demonstration had to be stopped to prevent it from going downtown and wreaking havoc of the kind that ensued on April 30, the day after the Rodney King verdict. According to the police version of the events, the marchers were chanting: "Downtown. Downtown." Commander Jim Arnold says he heard police communications indicating that his officers had rocks and bottles thrown at them. Arnold says, "We had not planned to make 'X' number of arrests. The arrests came because of vandalism, chants of 'Downtown,' [and because] they deviated from the route."

However, when Achtenberg questioned Arnold at the hearing, he acknowledged there had been no reports of any vandalism and that the only evidence available of the chants to go downtown came from police reports, filed after the demonstration ended. Achtenberg also pointed out that transcripts of computer-assisted radio dispat-



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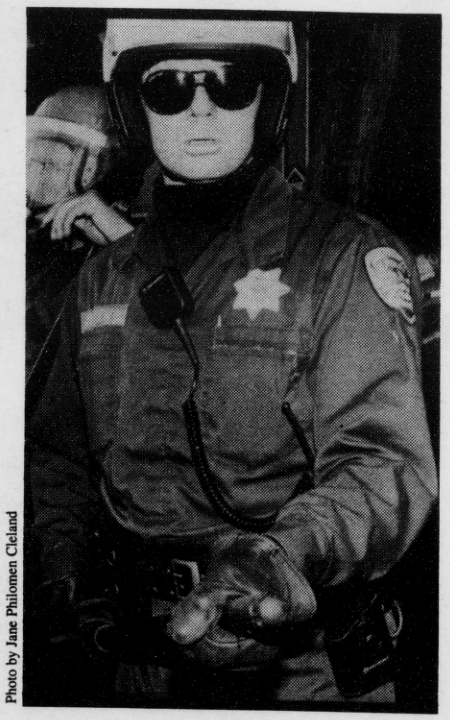

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ches made no mention of rocks and bottles being thrown, a charge that is also denied by protesters on the scene. No rocks and bottles were ever hurled at the police that night, according to many observers, including this reporter and Scott Hester, a legal observer who testified on May 19.

Protesters and police agree that the May 8 march proceeded relatively uneventfully from Dolores Park and along Church Street—albeit with a heavy police presence—until the march reached Fillmore and Duboce. At that corner, police and protesters clashed. This is where descriptions of the protest diverge substantially between police and protesters.

"At that point, there was a lot of confusion," says Arnold. "When the first group [of marchers] approached, Duboce was not blocked. In the lead group, a person with a bullhorn said, 'Turn on Fillmore.' Captain Holder [the officer in charge at that location] tried to stop [that] group."

Then, according to Arnold, a line of police moved across Duboce "to help Holder." Arnold says he made it clear that the route to Duboce Park was to remain open. He says that the only blocking of Duboce Street was temporary when a line of officers went to the assistance of those trying to prevent marchers from entering Fillmore Street. Arnold denied there was any deliberate attempt to block Duboce, but he acknowledged that in the confusion of the melee, some demonstrators may have thought Duboce was completely blocked.

Supervisor Angela Alioto, also at the May 19 meeting, interjected, "We have two elected officials that say [Duboce Street] was blocked. Had you heard of any plan to block the street before the end of the route?" Arnold replied, "No. I told the officers I did not want them to deviate from the route."

Scott Hester, one of 13 legal observers at the demonstration, presented a very different version of the events than that given by the police in a statement collated from the notes of all the legal observers at the event. In addition to the legal observers' notes, a New Alliance Party videotape disputes the police version of events. The videotape was viewed by Supervisor Achtenberg, among others.

"The police were way out of line," says Hester. "The evidence shows the police were not operating under crowd control policies." Hester charges that not only was access to Duboce Park prevented, but the march was blocked off on Church Street by police lines four separate times. According to the video and the legal observers' testimony, the march was temporarily blocked by police twice on Church Street, before it even got to Fillmore. This police action occurred while the demonstration was still moving along the approved route.

Achtenberg questioned Arnold about the police lines across Church Street, but Arnold says there was no blockage of Church Street "to his knowledge." Arnold said he will investigate those allegations.

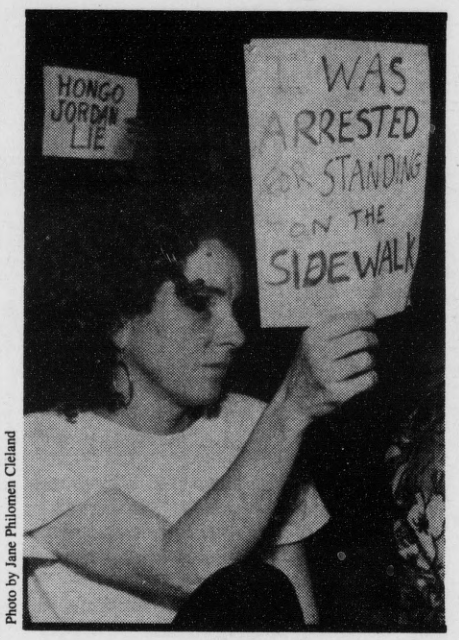
Hester charges that the police pushed into the crowd after scuffling with protesters at the corner of Duboce and Fillmore, as the head of the demonstration tried to march into Duboce Park. But they were stopped by a line of police who were clearly unwilling to let the protest proceed.

Even before the May 8 rally and demonstration began, it was obvious that something very different was going on. As the kick-off rally got under way in Dolores Park, a police loud-hailer van repeatedly drove up to the rally's edge, accompanied by eight TAC squad-style motorcycles, warning that if the march deviated from the approved route, "custodial arrests" would be made.

Ben Schatz, one of the negotiators and a legal observer at the rally, asked, "Is it typical police practice to threaten demonstrators with arrest 15 times? I was never so scared at being at a demonstration before in my life, and I have been around the block. It was clear we would have trouble." He added, it was "impossible to get to Duboce Park, unless you wanted to step through a bunch of baton-wielding police, and I was not in the mood for that!"

IN JAIL

Sheriff Mike Hennessey says the sheriff's department spent $190,000 on detaining those arrested on both May 1 in the Mission and May 8 at Church and Market Street. Yet what drew the most interest from participants at the meeting was a conversation Hennessey had with Mayor Jordan and Chief Hongisto immediately after the state of emergency was lifted on Saturday, May 2.



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Protesting May 8th's unlawful arrests.

Supervisor Achtenberg asked if anyone had requested that Hennessey slow down the release of prisoners from the May 1 or May 8 demonstrations. Hennessey replied, "No one asked me to drag my heels." But on further questioning, Hennessey acknowledged that after the supervisors' May 2 vote to throw out the state of emergency, he told both Mayor Jordan and Chief Hongisto that he intended to immediately begin releasing those protesters detained in Santa Rita. Hennessey says both Jordan and Hongisto "expressed an opinion they would rather I didn't."

Hennessey says the state of emergency provided for "custodial detention" for those picked up at the demonstrations, not the traditional policy of "citing out" protesters once the demonstration had concluded. Hennessey says he understood custodial arrest to simply mean that protesters would be taken and held in custody: "That is my impression of what the Mayor wanted. I am obliged to follow the desires of the Mayor."

Hennessey also stated that Police Chief Hongisto requested *full sets* of fingerprints from those picked up on May 1, rather than the normal one or two prints that are generally used when arresting demonstrators. Hennessey contended that while getting a full set of prints is time-consuming, the SFPD had three fingerprint technicians instead of just one. Hundreds of political activists, as well as bystanders and journalists caught up in the sweeps, had their fingerprints recorded.

Sheriff Hennessey also said he is requesting an investigation by Alameda's sheriff and police departments into allegations of homophobic abuse and assault of prisoners detained at Santa Rita. He also says he was told by Alameda County officials that the reason PWAs did not get their AZT was because Alameda officials had to contact many individual doctors for approval. This happened despite the fact that Hennessey had warned the Alameda County Sheriff's Department they should expect a lot of arrests, and the fact that, according to Hennessey, the Alameda sheriff's office had stocked up on extra supplies of AZT.

THE AFTERMATH

As the smoke clears, the cost of two days of official martial law and one unsanctioned bout of martial law are finally becoming clear. The Office of Citizens Complaints (OCC) has already received 26 complaints to date, including nine allegations of unnecessary force (several including baton strikes), and 17 allegations of unwarranted action for improper arrests. The OCC also says it is anticipating many more complaints. In the past, the largest number of complaints filed by demonstrators do not appear until weeks after the incident.

According to a report issued by Budget Analyst Harvey Rose, the total cost of police work to the City of San Francisco is roughly $2.5 million. Over $1 million of that total is for police overtime. Hester noted, with irritation, that, "20 percent of the AIDS budget was spent on three days of police work!"

Many people question whether the heavy police presence, further burdening the deficit-ridden City, was really necessary. ACLU's Crew and others also question the *rightness* of both the state of emergency and the tactics of the SFPD while Hongisto was in power. Even during the Civil War, says Crew, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the supremacy of the Constitution in an 1866 decision.

Crew stressed that he has talked to many SFPD officers about the San Francisco Rodney King demonstration, and they all said that the SFPD had dealt with more violent demonstrations in the past without resorting to a state of emergency.

Deputy Chief Fred Lau has called for a period of healing now that a semblance of social peace has returned. But Crew believes that true healing is impossible while top city officials deny the truth: "For healing to take place, there has to be an acknowledgment, from Frank Jordan and Richard Hongisto, that there was a severe violation of the Constitution. Until there is a recognition of what we have been through, healing will be impossible."

Attorney Ignatious Bau sounds a warning: "Much more is at stake here than the rights of San Franciscans to protest and march. The Constitution is not limited to the First Amendment. The Constitution is meant to protect all our rights, and it is precisely the judicial system's failure to do justice in the Rodney King trial that has focused our collective anger, frustration and feelings of betrayal. We must not continue to ignore that rage."

The committee will continue its hearings on June 2.

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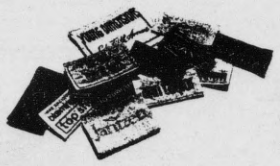

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Pink's Still Her Favorite Color: Memoirs of an "ex-lesbian"

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

For the trembling Asian gay man at the microphone, what the "ex-lesbian" said on stage at the Campus Crusade for Christ forum at Stanford University on May 14 caused him "a lot of pain."

Darlene K. Bogle is an assistant pastor at the Foursquare Church in Hayward who has written two books and appeared on "Sally Jesse Raphael" and "48 Hours" to talk about her experiences. At the forum she talked about her "journey" from 17 years as a troubled lesbian who drank and did drugs to a "healed" non-practicing Christian heterosexual who has found the truth.

The Asian student said that Bogle delivered "a painful and destructive message to a lot of Christian gays and their friends," because it implied that one couldn't be Christian and gay.

Bogle, who watched the student walk away from the microphone before responding, said, in a detached manner that was typical for her that evening, "Any time we choose to go a way that's contrary to what the scriptures teach, there is pain."

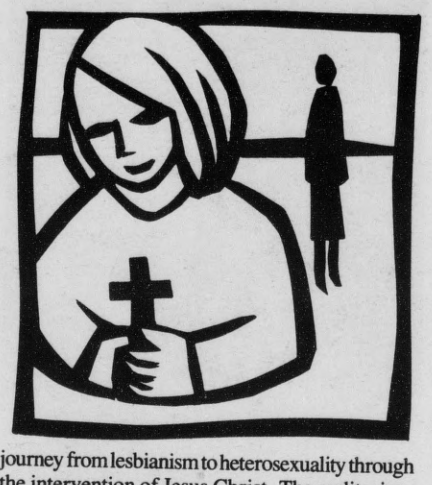
The question-and-answer period following her talk was marked by many emotional moments, as queers and their supporters took to two microphones on either side of the stage to ask Bogle about her beliefs or to make their own statements about homosexuality. These included many gays, lesbians and bisexuals, a parent of a gay man and a gay-sympathetic pastor.

Queers sat in the audience holding pink balloons ("Pink is my favorite color," Bogle quipped at the start of her talk), and clapped at the mention of the words "gay" or "lesbian." Before the talk they had held a carnival outside the auditorium to proclaim the joy of being queer. Stanford is a campus where queers are highly visible—they not only have their own university-funded center, but they also appear to have tremendous support from students and clergy, judging by the turnout at Bogle's talk.

The purpose of the carnival, according to Rachel Maddow, a sophomore involved with Queerland, the group sponsoring the event, was to "have an alternative voice or portrait of gay people [to] what's going to be offered inside." The atmosphere outside was festive—with singers, a violin duet and face-painting. Signs hung on the building included "Ex-Hetero and Proud," "Bi God, deal with it," and "Stop Crucifying Queers."

Maddow said the 200 gays/lesbians/bisexuals and their supporters going into the talk would not be disruptive. "We don't want to shout her down; she has the right to speak."

And speak Bogle did, for about 50 minutes, often diverging from the announced topic—her journey from lesbianism to heterosexuality through the intervention of Jesus Christ. The auditorium was filled to capacity, with people sitting on the floor in the back of the aisles and standing in the rear.



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"I'm not a bigot, not anti-gay, not homophobic," Bogle said, opening her talk. "I'm a person who struggled with a lot of different things all my life, and homosexuality is one of them."

Bogle, self-proclaimed survivor of a dysfunctional family (her words) and childhood sexual abuse, cautioned that not all queers come from this type of background. She did, however, add that a large number of the gay/lesbian/bisexual clients she sees in her role as church counselor were victims of sexual abuse as children.

While her dysfunctional family and the abuse she suffered did not make her a lesbian, these things did "influence" her choices in life, Bogle feels. "I came to understand that because of the deprivation of love in my family network, [lack of] role models, and no positive influence in life, it caused me to look for completion of myself with another human being of the same sex," she said. "I wish I could say I was happy and gay."

FROM ONE DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY TO ANOTHER

While she enjoyed moments of happiness, Bogle was never completely comfortable with her lesbianism. But Bogle, unlike other fundamentalist Christians, does not condemn queers who are happy with their lifestyle. She just hopes that they will one day question this lifestyle and turn to Jesus. "I believe our sexuality is a gift from God," she said, "but I do not believe that homosexual behavior is a gift of God. I cannot affirm it. I can affirm the person, not the behavior."

"Turning to Jesus" changed her lifestyle and her behavior. "When I was a woman-loving-woman, all the women I knew were that way; now I still love women, but in the right way," she said. "I do not have erotic sexual attraction for women. Men are a different story. I had to learn that.

"Yes, I'm heterosexual, not because I do the acts of heterosexuality, but because God intended us to be that way," she said.

In another departure from the teachings of her allies in the born-again movement, Bogle does not believe that AIDS is "God's judgment," and does not feel that God condemns gays/lesbians/ bisexuals for their orientation, only their sexual behavior.

"I, like you, have lost many to AIDS," Bogle said. "I pray that they find a cure for it."

Bogle said she first became aware of her sexuality while a student at a Christian college in the Pacific Northwest, where she became involved with another woman. "Overcome with guilt," the woman eventually committed suicide and Bogle joined the Army. She was soon "separated" because of her lesbian activities. Moving to Oakland, she found herself in the midst of a group of supportive gays and lesbians. But it wasn't enough to make her happy.

In 1977, after the breakup of a relationship that she thought would be "the last perfect relationship, that was going to last forever," Bogle decided to "make an agreement with God. If his word was really true, I'd like for him to reveal it to me in a way that would settle the doubts and conflicts forever."

That day began what Bogle described as a "14-year journey" that transformed her into the woman she is today. "What I discovered when I made that decision was that if I was going to ignore God, there were not enough things in the world that could fill the void in my life," she said.

Bogle said that she "did a lot of things" to fill the void, including alcohol, drugs and even grand theft. "I decided if I was going to hell," she explained, "then I might as well do everything. Nothing was off-bounds."

QUEER REACTION

Not surprisingly, reaction from queers attending the talk was not as laudatory.

Cliff Chan, who works on campus, said afterward that he thinks Bogle is "deluding a lot of people into thinking you can't be Christian and gay, and therefore you have to try so hard to change something so fundamental. There's so much pain involved in that."

Saydeah Howard, a sophomore majoring in history, was more direct. She felt that Bogle's talk was "crap." She added, "Maybe she thinks she's changed, but I've always been and will always be gay and I'm damn happy."

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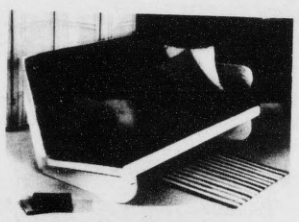

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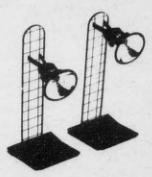

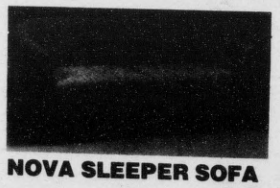

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An Interview With L.A.'s New Police Chief: He's No Rabble Rouser

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

Los Angeles' new police chief, Willie Williams, says that he doesn't have enough "firsthand information" to make a statement on the recent confiscation of thousands of copies of *SF Bay Times* by San Francisco police officers, allegedly under orders from former Police Chief Richard Hongisto.

But the former Philadelphia police commissioner, who officially takes the reins of the LAPD on June 29, told *SF Bay Times*, in an exclusive interview, that the "chief of police has to be willing to accept dissent. He can't indicate to officers to remove placards, billboards or newspapers." Williams feels it's up to the "citizens of San Francisco" to place the "final judgment" on Hongisto.

As the head honcho of Philly's police department, the Philadelphia-born and -educated Williams was generally perceived as pro-gay. From his first interview with the *Philadelphia Gay News* (PGN), shortly after taking office in June 1988, Williams indicated his willingness to recruit gay/lesbian/ bisexual officers and to help change the atmosphere within the department to make it more supportive of sexual minorities. He also demonstrated a willingness to talk—and meet—with queer community leaders—something that was not a trademark of previous police commissioners.

But things change slowly in police departments. Williams himself admitted this in the interview, saying that "social change is like pulling teeth."

His first open recruitment drive in Philadelphia's gay/lesbian/bisexual community (which included ads in *PGN*) stirred controversy. Yet Williams did not back down. Williams does not know how many queer officers the department recruited, "because I don't keep count." But he feels it's probably the same number as in the population at large: 10 percent. He says that in the past few years he received no complaints from gay/lesbian/bisexual officers about harassment within the department, but that's probably because "they don't feel comfortable yet. I think it's going to take many more years."

However, Williams feels that "at least now, they have access." He adds, "The views of the people in the city and the department haven't changed that quickly."

Williams was criticized toward the end of his Philadelphia tenure for not responding quickly enough to a report issued by an independent citizens' review panel, which said a Sept. 12 ACT UP/Philadelphia protest against a visit by President George Bush turned into what many described as a "police riot."

The report, according to PGN, says that "irrational fear of AIDS, hostility to gay people and heightened tensions due to the presence of the President contributed to the overreaction."

In response to the report, Williams initiated gay/lesbian/bisexual sensitivity training programs for Philly's Finest, a move that was opposed by the local Fraternal Order of Police, which believes that it is unnecessary since, "We are trained to respect the civil rights of everyone."

ACT UP wanted the officers involved with the riot fired.

Williams is not seen as a man who makes giant waves. In his native Philadelphia, he talks a good show, and he's perceived by the gay and progressive communities as someone whose heart is in the right place. But Williams is not seen as a man who has what it takes to really buck the system. It remains to be seen how he will fare in a city that has suffered under a racist, sexist and homophobic police chief and recent devastating riots following the acquittal of four white officers in the beating of Rodney King.

Photo by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

Willie Williams

As for how Williams plans to help rebuild L.A., a job in which he feels the police will play a pivotal role, he says, "My approach is we got to get all of the stakeholders, all of the communities, all of the officers, together." His vision is not to forget the past, but to "build on those things." He trusts that his 30 years of experience in law enforcement provides him with the "ability, skills and knowledge" to do what must be done.

"It's a challenge that will keep me busy 12 to 13 hours a day, five to six days a week," he says. But Williams acknowledges he'll need "a lot of assistance outside the police department, assistance from various community groups, possibly additional financial resources from the state [and] feds."

As for the queer community, Williams says he met with gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders in L.A. "on my last visit there." He wanted to "let them know they can sit down and talk with the chief."

Some of the issues discussed, he says, include recruitment of gay officers, sensitivity training for officers, and discipline. "I wanted to involve them as stakeholders," he says.

"Meetings are nice, but I want them—six months from now—to talk to me, hold me accountable," Williams says.

As for recruitment in L.A.'s gay/lesbian/bisexual community, Williams says, "My position is that we recruit in every community—wherever we're legally allowed to recruit." He doesn't believe that "background forms should question sexual preference."

Does he think that he'll have problems in the LAPD as an outsider? "Initially some," he says, "but it's nothing that can't be overcome. If you have the managerial skills, you can cross over from one part of the country to another."

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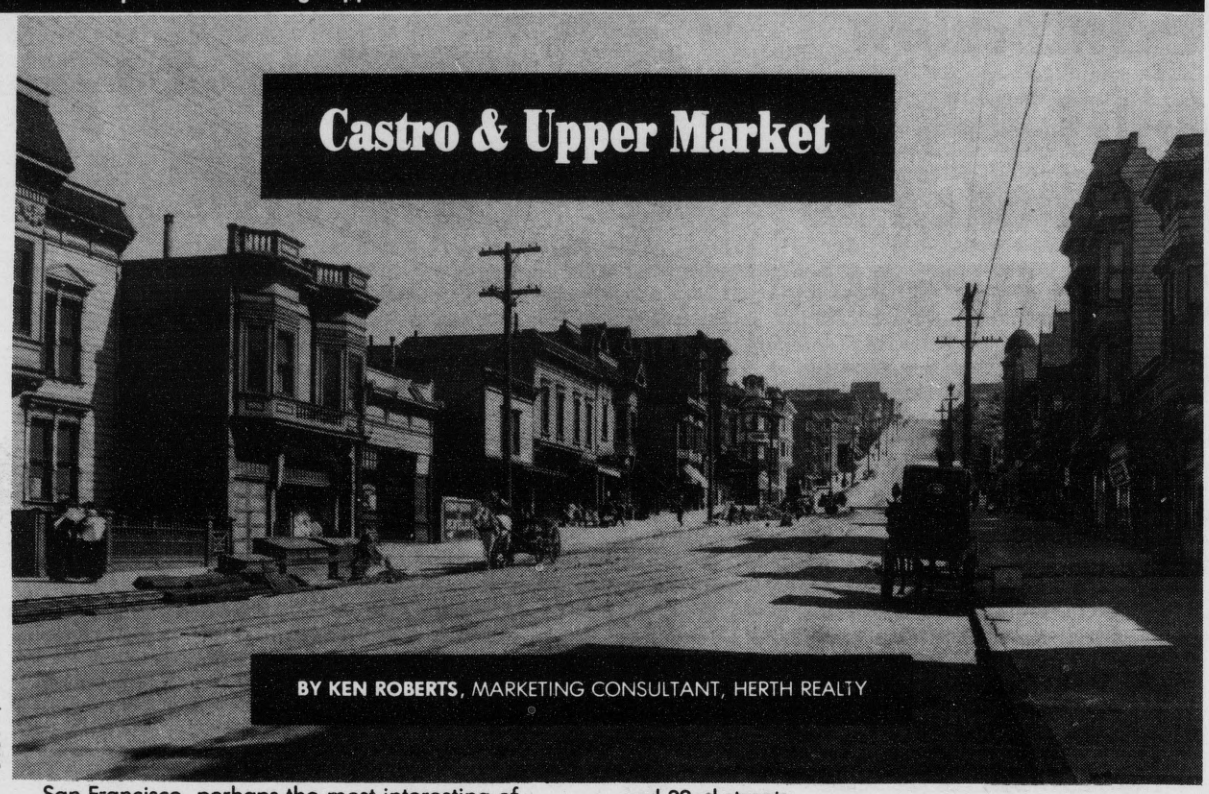

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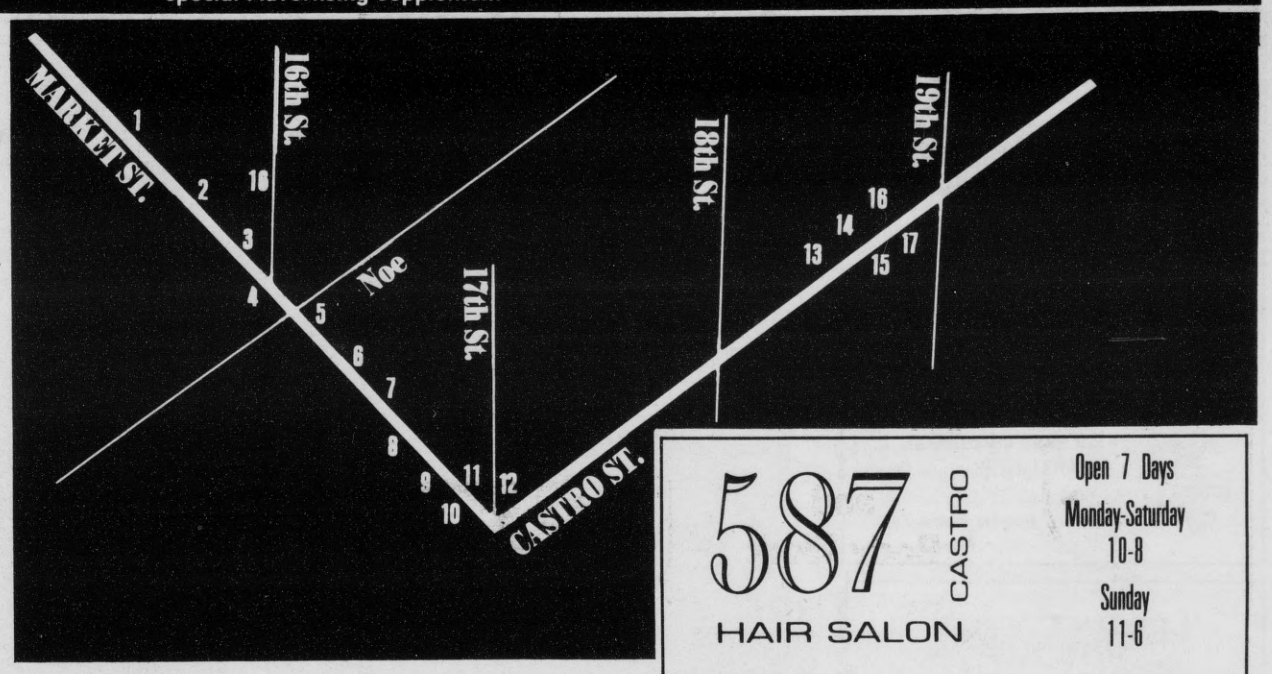

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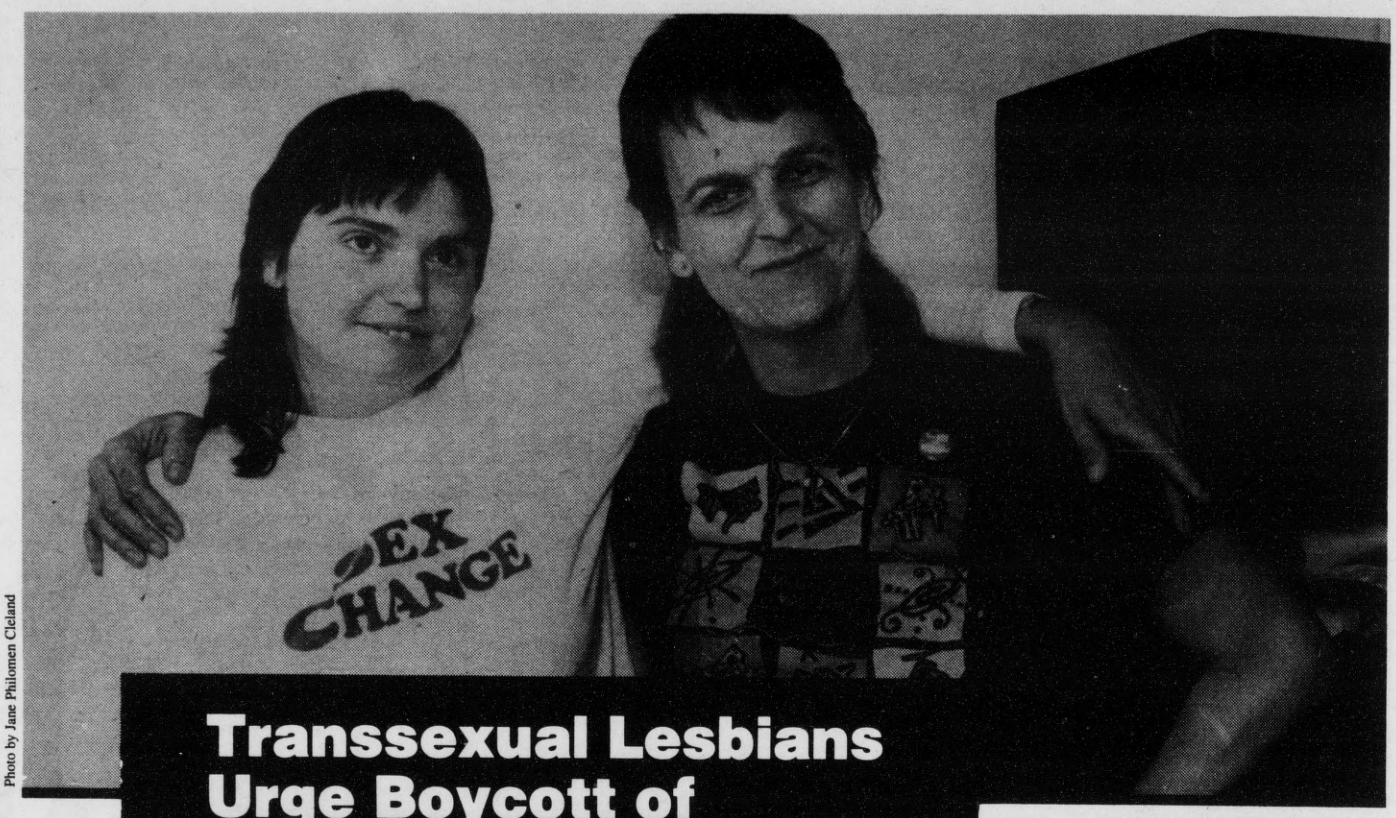

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Transsexual Lesbians Urge Boycott of Michigan Festival

Transsexuals Anne Ogborn (left) and Nancy Burkholder

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Reviving a controversy that erupted last summer, a group called Womyn for Womyn is urging a boycott of this year's Michigan Womyn's Music Festival because of the festival's exclusion of transsexuals. Posters warning women of the festival's "womyn born womyn" policy have appeared on poles in the Castro, sparking more dissension.

The posters feature a pair of skull and crossbones placed around the word WARNING. Declaring the festival to be unsafe for those who are not "womyn born womyn," the posters cite the treatment of a male-to-female transsexual ejected from last year's festival, criticize producers Barbara "Boo" Price and Lisa Vogel for not "engaging in meaningful dialogue" after the incident, and warn possible attendees of the risk of being ejected on suspicion of being transsexual.

At the bottom of the poster, in smaller print, is the statement, "We are calling for all womyn to boycott the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival until they change their exclusionary policies."

Anne Ogborn has claimed responsibility for putting up the posters in response to the treatment of Nancy Burkholder, who last year was asked to leave the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival on the first day, after security guards confronted her with allegations she was a transsexual. Ogborn and Burkholder identify as transsexual lesbians.

Womyn for Womyn, says Ogborn, is "a loose coalition of women around the country who are concerned about the matter. It's an ongoing problem at festivals and in the lesbian community as to the way issues get addressed." Regarding the ejection of Burkholder, she says, "We were very concerned. It's at odds with my understanding of feminist process. I didn't know it involved security guards at one in the morning."

The posters are intended to inform prospective festival-goers of the festival's practices and to force the issue with the Michigan producers, says Ogborn. "It's a very frustrating way to generate dialogue." Ogborn says she sent two letters to the festival and got no reply. As far as she's concerned, "The festival producers refuse to engage in any dialogue."

Vogel, reached by phone at the festival's Berkeley office, takes issue with aspects of the poster, including the claim that "a woman was brutalized and expelled" at the festival. "I don't believe anyone was brutalized," she says. "I think there was a misunderstanding of the festival's policy and approach and what happened that evening."

Of the posters, Vogel says, "It's [part of the process] of how community conversation happens." Asked about allegations they ignored correspondence, she maintains that, "Everything that came in has been answered."

Burkholder, who was visiting San Francisco from New Hampshire last week, says she was not involved in the formulation of the posters, but agrees with the contentions made, and supports Womyn for Womyn. "I never found out what the original charge was, or how many people did it. It was all done covertly, third-hand. There was no opportunity to confront somebody else's genderphobia."

Ogborn says the boycott aspect is deliberately downplayed in the posters. "We want to change the policy regarding transsexual womyn and for the festival to provide honestly safe space—space that's spiritually and emotionally safe for transsexual womyn." She says, "We don't want to damage the festival. It's an important aspect of our culture." Burkholder says, "I support a boycott for me. I can't tell what anybody else will do... I wouldn't go back without a very firm commitment from the producers that says I'm welcome."

Ogborn continues, "I'd like to see some discussion of the title the land is held in. It is now held in the names of only two women. This has a chilling effect...on any discussion or disagreement about how the festival is run."

Burkholder says she wants the festival to provide a clear-cut policy on non-"womyn born womyn," and a refund for the airline ticket she had to buy to return home early last year. Burkholder says, "I feel like they were irresponsible in the sense that they weren't upfront and honest about their policy, and I had no way of knowing." Ogborn says, "The policy was covert in the past."

As far as refunding Burkholder's ticket, Vogel says, "We have that request...Our point of view is that that discussion needs to continue with Nancy."

WHAT'S THE POLICY?

The removal of Burkholder brought to light Michigan's long-standing policy of providing space exclusively for "womyn born womyn." Burkholder, who had attended the year before with no problems, says she never would have gone had she known. "What I had heard was if you're a woman, you were welcome at Michigan, period, and there wasn't anyone going to ask you how you got there... I would never go if I wasn't welcome."

This year's festival literature mentions for the first time that the festival is for "womyn born womyn." Chuckling, Burkholder says, "I guess I can take credit for that." Vogel says the event has been defined as for "womyn born womyn" at least since 1978. "What we're about is trying to create an event for women that reflects women's experience and women's sensibility." She adds, "We need to clarify it is for 'womyn born womyn.' "

Other women's and lesbian-only events have similar policies. For instance, last year's National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta was for "natural-born womyn," as were the East and West Coast Lesbian Festivals. These policies are not necessarily written down, but arise from the convictions of the organizers. For example, Lin Daniels, producer of the West Coast Lesbians' Festival, says her festival is "for 'womyn born womyn' and their daughters" and that she has "nothing written out on policies."

Robin Tyler, who produces the West Coast and Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festivals, says that her festivals have had male-to-female transsexuals as workers and festival-goers: "We don't have a policy excluding transsexuals." Tyler adds, "I don't believe people should boycott Michigan. They've done a lot. It's because of them we have these other festivals."

Vogel says Michigan's "womyn born womyn" policy arose out of discussions in the '70s. "This isn't a new issue in the lesbian community," she stresses. "The Michigan Festival didn't dream up this issue...The question of whether or not transsexuals are part of the lesbian community is the same discussion we had twelve years ago." Discussions to establish a consensus involved questions like, "Is it a womyn-only event, a lesbian event, a womyn's event for 'womyn born womyn'? The discussion was as heated and as difficult as it is now."

In regard to Burkholder's expulsion, Vogel says, "We're the producers, the bottom-line policy makers. These things are done in cooperation with a large number of women." Vogel says the issue was "processed extensively" at Michigan after last year's incident. Asked if she

feels transsexuals are not women, Vogel replies, "Yes."

Vogel pauses when asked if she thinks Nancy Burkholder is a woman, and then says slowly, "Our feeling is that the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is an event for women, and we feel that it is the community conscience of the working staff that we want this event to be for women and that we want it to be for 'womyn born womyn.' Our information from the women we work with after hours of discussion is that that's the greater group conscience... I don't want to personalize this to Nancy Burkholder."

Vogel speaks of a consensus that many lesbian groups have gone through to establish guidelines for safe space, the hallmark of self-defined women's events. An outgrowth of the feminist revolution in the 1970s, women's space is a much-prized and dwindling resource in the women's community.

Recognizing the differential in power and economic resources between men and women, and the fact that women are subjected to male violence, women's events seek to create and strengthen bonds between women. Says Vogel, "Events for women in the women's community have provided something really enriching, validating, and supportive for women for twenty years...It's a time to celebrate and explore and have that be time not with men."

WOMEN'S SPACE

Now in its 17th year, Michigan is the largest women's festival, attracting between 7,000 and 8,000 festival-goers to the land each August. Along with festivals such as the National Women's Music Festival, Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival, and Northeast Women's Music Retreat, it brings women, mostly lesbians, together to share music and crafts, as well as politics. Murphy describes festivals as "the one place—especially for lesbians who don't live in big cities— they get to see and experience a celebration of who they are as lesbians."

Vogel sees attacks on festival policy as part of a backlash against women's space. The institution has come under attack, ironically within the lesbian and gay community, which talks a good line about being more co-sexual. Lesbian writer Elana Dykewomon says, "It's a very discouraging idea that women's spaces are seen as something that went out in the '70s, when in fact, the world hasn't changed at all. It's getting harder to live as a lesbian and a woman in this culture." Vogel feels that many lesbians who've been in the community for a while have become complacent about women's space and many younger ones coming into the community don't appreciate it.

Burkholder says, "I totally agree with women's need for space and safety. There are women who will say that I'm going to violate that space in some way.... To me, it comes down to—OK, women are free to define that space in any way they want. If they don't want transsexuals there, then I think they should be upfront and say it, because I won't be there. In the event that they don't... then to me it brings up the issue: How far out do these people's boundaries go?"

Some women object to male-to-female transsexuals because they say they are really men. Vogel defends security's approach to Burkholder by saying that women said they felt uncomfortable with Burkholder. Marilyn Murphy, a syndicated lesbian writer who has attended many festivals, says flatly, "A [male-to-female] transsexual is not a woman. Woman is a cultural construct more than a physiology—how we've been raised our whole entire life. You can't cut it out with a knife. A transsexual is raised as a man. The fact that he has surgery doesn't make him a woman."

Ogborn says, "I feel like I was born a woman. I've been a woman all my life." Burkholder says, "In the end, there's only one thing that makes a difference between you and I, and that's I have some medical records that say how I got where I am." A pre-operative transsexual, says Ogborn, "does not have a penis. A pre-operative transsexual has this funny, shriveled-looking *thing*... from the hormones."

Other objections center on the belief that transsexuals maintain male privilege and male attitudes. Burkholder, however, feels these are erroneous assumptions. "To assume that because I was socialized as a male that I responded to that socialization the way they perceive men responding to it...is false. Socialization was offensive, but there was no way to get away from it. So, I basically pulled away from a lot of it. So, the things that they're trying to ascribe to me because, I lived for a certain period of time as a male—I don't know—it's not me."

Ogborn cites examples of women with extra X chromosomes, who've been re-assigned at birth. Where do they fit in the scheme of things? The flip side, she suggests, is that anyone could be kicked out of the festival because she doesn't look feminine enough. This would be anathema to many lesbians who have adopted an androgynous appearance because they want to be liberated from societal role-playing. "Almost anyone can eventually pass as nontranssexual with enough surgery. Is that really the feminist ideal?" asks Ogborn.

Burkholder says, "Michigan happened to be right this time, even if they didn't know they were right. They never had any proof. It also happens to women born women that they get mistaken as transsexuals...The festival people are saying that they have the right to interrogate any woman regarding her gender origins."

The subject is a sore point for Vogel, who says, "About a million times have I been questioned and told to go to a different john." Determining gender, she says, is not a festival priority. "It's not our focus. I don't sit around and wonder are there transsexuals or a guy in drag wandering around."

Vogel maintains that the ejection of Burkholder was a one-time thing contingent on the particular circumstances. "We prefer it to be women only. In seventeen years, we've never had an interaction questioning someone," she says. "Last year a situation evolved onto itself. It's unique," she says. "We don't go looking for transsexuals at the festival."

Ogborn says she expects the festival will be looking for transsexuals this year. Vogel says, "Our position is minimized by people saying we'll be making panty checks. Our approach in the future will not be a matter of ferreting out other transsexuals. We know there are transsexuals who attend the festival. Nobody wants to give that a lot of attention. It's not our focus."

In the past, discussions in the lesbian community have emerged as controversies at Michigan: male children on the land, S/M, and now transsexuals. The festival seems to act as a bellwether for the lesbian community. The tide may be turning on these issues faster than the festival is prepared to move, since the "community consensus" is self-selecting. Lesbians find themselves torn between their loyalties.

Burkholder says she is gratified by the amount of support she has gotten. "It's helped me a lot to know that there are that many women out there who care. It's been an unexpected kind of gift." Vogel says the festival has received letters coming from "all ends of the question" and has no intention of altering policy. "We hope womyn who are behind us will come."

The issue seems to represents the complexity and polarization within the lesbian community.

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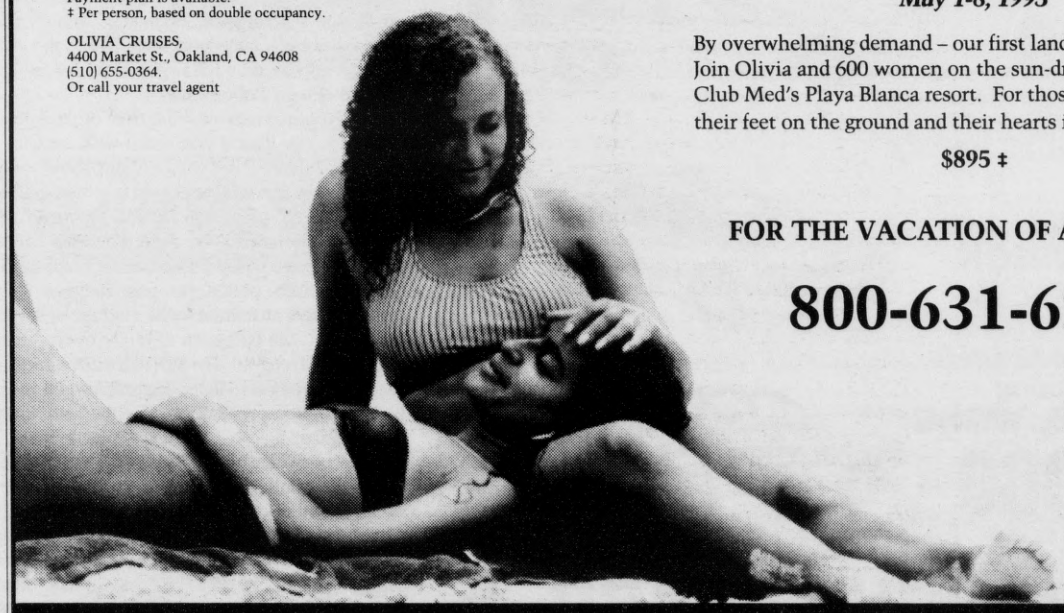

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WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

Top Cop Dropped: Hongo Long Gone

Hey: I just got back from vacation. Did anything happen in town while I was gone?

Just a rhetorical question. Judging from the incomplete stack of press clips I've just waded through, a certain "Little Paper" (that's from a May 18 *Chron* headline to a story about us) inadvertently toppled our 44-day, bizarre-uniform-sporting Chief of Police. Richard—aw, hell: let's call a dick a Dick—"Dick" Hongisto was fired last Friday by a Mayor Jordan-appointed police commission, ending a short reign characterized by night patrols in the Tenderloin; day-long absences from City Hall; an, er, *overenthusiastic* approach to marshalling demonstrators; and more personality flips than a psych ward regular shows.

The whole thing would seem funny, if it weren't so depressing. It'd seem funny, if Hongisto's cops hadn't rounded up demonstrators and bystanders in the Mission on May 1, holding some on a long, food-free, miserable night at Pier 38 and at the Santa Rita prison. It'd seem funny, if the police commission hadn't subsequently found Hongisto guilty of ordering underlings to swipe *Bay Times* issues with a photo parodying him on the cover. It'd seem funny, if Jordan hadn't been elected to office by a broad conservative base (only a quarter of which supported him in a recent poll). It would seem funny, if the waffly Jordan knew what he was doing.

Hongo is the latest of Jordan's appointed, misappointed, or disappointed gaffes. In a glass-shattering *Ex* front-pager last Sunday, former Jordan press secretary Stephen Bloom called the present administration a "comedy of errors," noting that "just as one embarrassment was put behind him, Mayor Jordan would step on another banana peel." Allowing for the natural disgruntlement potentially affecting a coldly fired City Hall functionary, Bloom's rhetoric resonates. As *Ex* columnist Rob Morse quipped the same day: "The clown car has dropped off a lot of characters at City Hall."

Hongisto associates tell about earlier news rack raid [See

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By Jane Ganahl, Andrew Ross and John Flinn

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Jordan's most recent banana peel emerged, in press reports following last week's announcement of a special probe into allegations he'd pilfered copies of the *Bay Times*, as a puffed-up, gloating, opportunistic flake. In the May 14 *Ex*, reporter Larry Hatfield profiled the cop as "a sort of chameleon-like everyman for anyman...." Wrote Hatfield: "Touching the essence of Hongisto is akin to grabbing gossamer." The piece touched on Hongo's arrogance, egomania, smarts and power-grabbing. Nice work—but why didn't stuff like this appear six weeks ago, when Jordan appointed Hongo Police Chief?

Long-toothed natives remember ol' Hongo as a gay-friendly liberal who sided with the City's disenfranchised. That image diametrically opposes the top cop who appeared in a hard-hitting front-page *Ex* piece by Dennis Opatrny and Elizabeth Fernandez on the city's new "get-tough" cop era. "[The] no-nonsense response by San Francisco police [to post-Rodney King demos]... sent an unmistakable message to the activist ranks: the laid-back days are over," they wrote. Said Hongo: "The mood in the community has gotten rougher, more aggressive and more violent. Police procedures have become more laissez-faire."

Which apparently convinced the chief that only a wholesale abrogation of First Amendment rights would restore tranquility. This is the man who said, in the wake of local King riots and looting, "Loss of freedom of speech is a small price to pay" for order. The dreadful King-days curfew and police sweeps in the Mission and the Castro showed a complete disregard for citizens' rights to walk the streets and gather in peaceful protest. The *Ex*'s Opatrny and Fernandez noted May 10 that a revised 1990 police crowd control policy states that "a demonstration may not be deemed an unlawful assembly unless it poses a clear and present danger of imminent violence or is for the purpose of committing a criminal act." Asked about the policy, Hongo blithely harrumphed, "I'm sorry that there are people around here who are not more concerned with maintaining the peace and stopping the rioting instead of nitpicking on the Police Department."

And for Hongisto to order the removal of *Bay Times* copies is a direct challenge to this paper's right to distribute. As the May 15 *Chron* reported, "Preventing more than 2,000 copies of the *Bay Times* from reaching readers would, in legal terms, be a 'prior restraint' by the government on the distribution of a newspaper. Courts have consistently held that prior restraints are the most serious and least tolerable infringements on free speech rights."

All of this would be side-splitting—if it weren't so goddammed sad. And infuriating.

THE WORLD LEARNS OF A COP'S GAFFE

The story of what the *Ex*'s Morse dubbed, on May 14, as Hongo's "alleged newspaper recycling" went worldwide, quickly. A local TV station told publisher Kim Corsaro on Monday that a Lisbon, Portugal, news-gathering organization had phoned the station for details. The story ran second on last Friday's ABC *World News Tonight*; the *LA Times* ran a piece last Thursday and the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* covered the story over the weekend.

The locals blanketed the story, spotlighting the *Bay Times* and delving into Hongisto's history of just plain weirdness. The May 17 *Ex* editorialized about it as "a Shakespeare play.... The trajectory from heady success to abject despair is a breathtaking descent, even in Shakespeare."

In reports leading up to the incident, things were already boiling by May 4, in the wake of the massive May 1 arrests. That day's *Chron* quoted *Business Week* SF bureau chief Russel Mitchell, an "innocent" rounded up with demonstrators, as saying that police sweeps like Hongo's are "the kind of thing that [happen] in Argentina, where people disappear." (The Central/South American reference played big. "It reminds me of the coup d'etat in Chile," one demonstrator told this paper's Tim Kingston May 7. "Is this the United States, or is this El Salvador?" wondered

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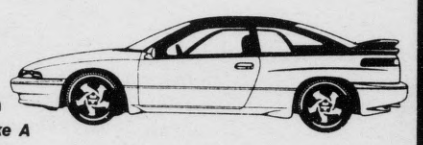

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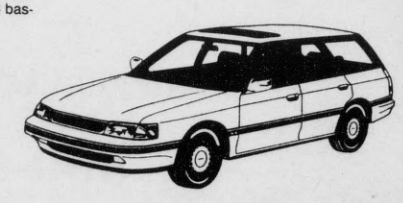

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An accompanying *Chron* story on the sweeps—a typical example of "on the one hand... on the other" journalism—balanced quotes from Supervisor Angela Alioto (who termed the Friday roundup "unconscionable") with quotes from City Attorney Louise Renne ("...people have a right to own a business without being looted... to walk down the street without being bopped on the head"). The *Chron* also reported that day, not incidentally, that at a National Association of Black Journalists SF conference the consensus was that the media are "dominated by white males completely out of touch with life on the streets." Said Black KPIX-TV anchor Barbara Rogers: "I can suggest stories [about Black communities], but nobody [in news management] cares about it until somebody burns something down."

The May 5 *Chron* reported that, in the wake of the arrests, Hongisto found himself "under attack from normally friendly liberals but praised by long-standing opponents," and cited critics' views of Hongo's "political opportunism." Two days later, the paper covered a police commission hearing, quoting SF piano tuner Steven Saylor: "...If the First Amendment rights of each person in this city were a window, then 1,300 windows were broken by the cops last Thursday and Friday." The story noted, however, that "several Black community activists...commended the police department, noting that there had been virtually no criminal activity in connection with the King verdict in the Bayview-Hunter's Point community."

"NOBODY READS THAT STUFF": A CRITIQUE

Then the bottom fell out. A May 14 *Chron* front-pager on the Hongo/*Bay Times* probe quoted vice officer Gary Delagnes reassuring Hongo that "nobody reads that stuff"—meaning the gay press. (Delagnes, remember, is the psycho-cop who'd responded to reporters' questions as to how he'd handle the threat of being spattered with AIDS-tainted blood at the 1990 International Conference on AIDS by saying, "I might draw my gun and shoot, and then I might not.")

The next day's *Chron* front-pager ("Hongisto Fired") floated theories on why the Chief would have swiped copies of the *Bay Times*: He was offended by the cover photo; he wanted to distribute the paper to officers and the rank-and-file to show he's not loved by queers; he wanted to prove he has a tough job. That day's *Ex* headline ("Fired!") appeared to be misspelled (shouldn't that have been a "T"?); the accompanying photo showed my colleague, Tim Kingston, glaring at Hongo. While the main story detailed the firing, Craig Marine filed a p.1 piece on charges that Hongo volunteers had removed copies of the *S.F. Weekly*, featuring a Hongo-unfriendly piece, from newsracks during last fall's mayoral campaign. And one officer, violently unclear on the concept, wondered to *Ex* reporter Malcom Glover about Hongo swiping the *Bay Times*: "If he wanted them removed, why didn't he just go out and hire a couple of homeless to do it instead of disgracing the whole department?"

That, folks, is how some cops think.

BUT WOULD YOU SAY IT'S "ERECT?"

This paper's cover—which showed a composite of "Hongisto" gripping a cock-like baton—proved difficult for the dainty dailies to depict. The May 14 *Chron* described "a doctored cover photo of Hongisto clutching a nightstick rising from his groin..." and, on the back page jump, primly showed what the caption called "The top half of *San Francisco Bay Times*' front page." That day's *LA Times* noted "an unflattering composite picture of Hongisto with a police baton between his legs." The same day's *Ex* reported "a faked, composite photo depicting a smiling Hongisto simulating masturbation with a police baton."

The next morning's *Chron* delicately described "Hongisto wielding a police baton in a sexually suggestive manner"; that afternoon's *Ex* backed off from its previous critique, noting only "a doctored photograph depicting Hongisto engaged in what could be construed as a lewd act with a police baton." The May 16 Oakland *Trib* front-paged an AP story describing a "doctored cover photo that showed [Hongisto] holding a baton in a lewd manner." That day's *Chron* described "a composite photo showing the chief in a sexually suggestive pose with a police baton." On Sunday, the *Ex* got creative again, reporting "a suggestive front-page photo of [Hongisto] stroking a police baton." *Ex* columnist Rob Morse referred that day to a "naughty likeness of [Hongisto] on the cover."

Oddly, none of the dailies mentioned that in the composite, "Hongisto" was wearing gloves. *Leather* gloves—which gave his baton-wielding an erotic, rather than "lewd," appeal.

Other imagery shook the mighties. In the background of the May 18 *Chron* photo of *Bay Times* publisher Kim Corsaro and art director Brendan Ward—which accompanied a "People"-section piece on this paper—is a photo of designer Calvin Klein bearing the title, "Absolutely Queer." In the *Chron* photo, "Queer" is whited out.

ON THE OTHER, *OTHER* HAND...

As the brouhaha chills, we'll see if our fragile little city can successfully regroup. Certainly City Hall needs to set a conciliatory tone and ditch the buffoonery. As a department head told the May 17 *Ex*'s Matier & Ross, "Jordan had better put an end to all this or this city is going down for the 10 count. It's getting so I don't even want to go to the [Mayor's] Monday meetings any more."

We'll see. Jordan said he'd stand behind Hongo; after the firing, the ex-Chief boo-hoo'd to the dailies that, in essence, he'd been stabbed in the back by the Mayor (who, as this went to press, was trying to find Hongisto a high-paying city job, and hasn't ruled out the possibility of reinstating him as police chief).

Maybe he should have seen it coming. Defending his top cop during the probe but before the firing, Jordan let fly with a classic Freudian slip in the May 14 *Chron*: "Anyone is innocent before he is proven guilty."

Memo to Frank: I believe it's "*until* he is proven guilty."

I think I need a vacation.

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Immune Restoration Conference:

Interview with Martin Delaney of Project Inform

On April 25 and 26 in Washington, D.C., Project Inform held a conference of about 35 leading immunologists and other AIDS researchers, to focus on restoring the immune system, especially for persons with T-helper counts under 50. The scientists included Jean-Claude Chermann, Anthony Fauci, Robert Gallo, Alan Goldstein, Daniel Hoth, Tom Merrigan, Robert Redfield, Jonas Salk, Robert Schooley, Robert Yarchoan and Daniel Zagury. Some came from as far away as France and Australia. Project Inform paid airfare and other expenses with assistance from pharmaceutical companies and other sources—about $50,000 in all—and provided the organizational support. Jesse Dobson of Project Inform organized the conference and helped design the technical program.

So that participants could discuss freely, it was agreed not to quote what people said or to publish their specific data without their permission. Some of the information, because it's on the leading edge of the technology, is proprietary. There was a mix of people from industry and government; they had to all agree to come together and discuss their findings openly for the conference to work.

But most of those who are interested in this meeting and its results do not need the specific numbers, but rather an overview of what is most important, and in what directions the leading research is moving. To make this information available quickly, we interviewed Martin Delaney, co-founder of Project Inform, who attended the conference as a facilitator.

HISTORY, GOALS, ORGANIZATION

(Martin Delaney) About two years ago, Project Inform made an internal decision to direct its research efforts on late-stage disease and restoration of immunity, not out of any disbelief in the virus, but because everybody else was working on that, and there wasn't enough attention given to the immune-restoration area. Our ongoing goal is to facilitate research in this area. Over time almost everybody with the disease must confront the problem of the damage done to the immune system.

Some of the researchers at the conference said this was the first time in their 10 years of working with AIDS that anybody had asked them to focus on the very late stage of the disease. They also admitted that the scientists and the government people had always been operating under the assumption that these people are written off. We've always suspected that; this is the first time I have heard them own up to it.

But having said that, they then said, "That's an interesting challenge. Why is it all that different, say, from bringing somebody back after a bone-marrow transplant with cancer? It's not something that inherently dictates abandoning the patient." It was a new thinking process for them, to begin looking at it in that way.

Another general consensus that evolved among them, comparing data from the seven different fields we looked at, was that when people had gone down to the 50 or 100 T-helper cell levels, there was far more resilience in the immune system than any of them would have anticipated just a couple of years ago.

(ATN) Did they fail to find this resilience even lower, around zero T-helper count, or had they just not looked?

They hadn't looked. They did not go that far with their data. For example, one vaccine group had expected that the therapeutic vaccines would only show benefit in the over-500 T-cell group. As they extended it lower and lower, they began seeing response and reaction as low as 200 T-helper cells, and now they are going down to the 50 to 100 range. They're far below the level where they thought they would see a reaction.

ACTG 106—the earliest trial of ddC/AZT combination treatment—surprised us.

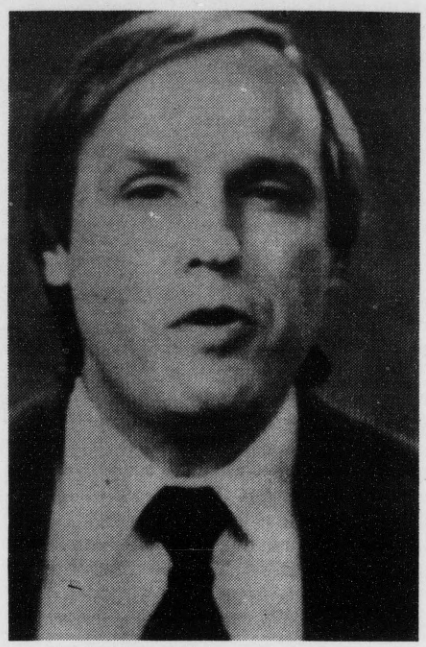
Good example. The patients had a median T-cell level of about 70 when they began the treatment, and those people really moved up.

And there was also a strong sentiment among the researchers that response doesn't just mean more T-cells. Redfield (of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research) was strong on the skin test as a test of functional immunity. This isn't the usual test with the same several antigens each time. They've improved it with a variety of randomly selected antigens. Otherwise, you might just be sensitizing people to a few particular ones when the test is used repeatedly, rather than improving a general response.

Could people obtain this test?

I think it would be a great diagnostic tool, if physicians could have access to it. It gives you a functional measure of whether your therapy is helping a patient or not. Especially now, with the choice of three different antivirals, or no antivirals, how do you know which ones are helping? I think this test is done with a combination of commercially available antigens. Redfield was eloquent about why it is valuable, instead of just looking at T-cells to tell whether a treatment is working.

One of the great issues in AIDS is how to measure a response to a drug. The government has finally agreed to T-cells as a surrogate marker,



Martin Delaney

but everybody knows there are many exceptions to that—for example, people with zero T-cells who are healthy.

COLLABORATION

Another major outcome was the opening of new research collaborations among the group. It had never dawned on me that as a result of this meeting, they would right on the spot make some new agreements, but they did.

For example, one group at the National Cancer Institute agreed to work with the people doing the CD8 expansion with Kaposi's sarcoma (KS)—which is a natural.

Before the conference, a representative from one company confided to us that he was nervous. He said they had been ignored for four years, because nobody would believe that CD8 cells were important, or that you could expand those cells once they were lost. But the next day he was one of the highlights of the show.

It's hard to think that people are starting now to talk to each other after more than ten years of the epidemic.

Why is it only now that these things are happening? Why is it that these people didn't even come together before? Project Inform is not the only foundation in town. It has taken us six, seven years to get in a position where we had the money and credibility to create something like this. Why hasn't this been going on every six months since 1985? Why isn't the government itself routinely doing it?

Dan Hoth, director of the Division of AIDS of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, met me for lunch the week before. He said he'd heard about the conference, and that it was the kind of thing they should be doing. He asked, what would it take to get him into the conference? Of course he was welcome; but on a lark, I said you could start by giving us some financial help. To my surprise, they were able to pay several people's travel expenses; he did it in a day and a half. They can do things in a hurry if they want to.

Another collaboration: an Australian group is doing cryopreservation of cell lines; that has immediate importance. One of them is now talking with the CD8 expansion people, as he has demonstrated that freezing the cells is viable, and when they're thawed, they're functional. So by connecting his work to that of expanding the CD8 cells, you give people the opportunity to create their own cell bank, for use at a later stage of the disease.

This fits with the work that just came out of Italy on superantigens and selective cell deficits (of CD4, i.e., T-helper, cells).

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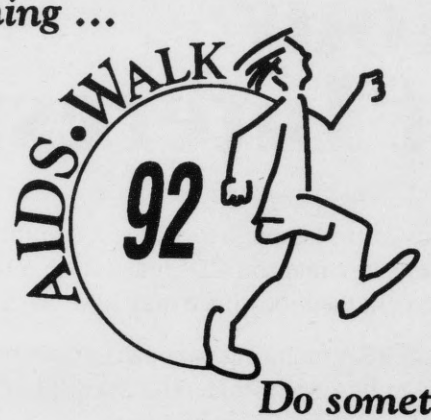

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Another collaboration is that a leading U.S. researcher wants to work with an Italian group which has been working with thymosin, a thymic hormone. The Italians have completed a three-arm study with AZT, vs. AZT and interferon, vs. AZT and interferon and thymosin, and that study appeared to show a rather dramatic benefit for the arm which included thymosin. This might tie in to work with IL-2.

Perhaps it is time to combine several such factors. No one of these thymic hormones or cytokines is going to replace everything that's lost. But some combination may be more effective than any individual one.

Another possible collaboration would be to combine vaccines with thymic hormones or other soluble factors. The researchers said yes, it made perfect sense. We pressed them, why not now? One of the vaccine experts invited us to meet to discuss a protocol for doing this; another was open to trying it later, but not for his existing studies. A third pointed out that he is already doing something similar, combining an antibody against interferon with a vaccine. The purpose is to give a turn-off signal to the immune response, so that overactivation doesn't continue.

On cell preservation (cryopreservation), discussions are underway to create a nonprofit foundation which would develop practical applications of the insights gained by Australian researchers and the CD-8 expansion people. Then people could save blood or bone-marrow cells early in the disease. Later, those cells could be used to grow many more (outside the body, using special equipment). The descendents of the person's own cells would then be injected to replace cells which had been lost.

These things were not going to happen before that weekend. You get something just by bringing these people together.

There are other conversations going on, but we don't know their outcome yet. These include the area of gene therapy. We pointed out that all of these efforts so far seemed to be devoted to the same thing—producing an internal antiviral response (inside the cell). We asked why not also use gene therapy to stimulate cell-line growth? The answer was, "Yes, we could do that." One researcher asked us to contact somebody else who may already be working on it. So they may con-

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FROM THE HEART

BY JOE CARUSO

Monia Perry: Spreading the Message of Compassion and Understanding

BY JOE CARUSO

Some people say the San Francisco model to deal with AIDS isn't working. I say that's not true. People come here from all over the world to be a part of the Bay Area network of AIDS services. Moreover, many are drawn by the kindness that the people of this network have to offer: a kindness that is strong and loving in our community; a kindness that reaches out to anyone with HIV or AIDS; a kindness that many could not live without. It's that friendly smile and, most importantly, that loving hug that makes the difference for people with AIDS. At one time, Monia Perry needed that kindness. Now she is strong enough to give it back.

Her words have captured the minds of young people. Speaking at high schools, colleges, benefits or just about anywhere else, Monia Perry is able to break through the stereotypes people have about AIDS survivors. She walks out on stage or pulls up a chair and starts telling her story. What comes across to an audience is the need for compassion and support in a society that commonly rejects people with AIDS.

Born on July 1, 1952, she comes from the era of love-ins, be-ins and do-it-if-it-feels-right. Monia was married in 1969 in San Francisco. She was a dancer and her husband, Dale, was a musician. "Living in the age of disco parties, orgies and lots of free love, we never thought of what might happen, we just did what felt good." Despite all the parties, her dancing and her husband were the most important part of her world. Her world started shaking in 1984. Dale was getting sick, spending many restless nights with fever. Without a medical plan and very little money, she took him to the hospital.

The doctors ran tests, but they did not expect AIDS from a married man. He was diagnosed with cancer. Not satisfied with this explanation, Monia encouraged the doctors to run more tests. She was soon told he had AIDS. Back then, there was no HIV diagnosis, just AIDS. Dale never left the hospital, and passed away on July 17, 1984. After his death, Monia had nothing to do, nothing to live for. She became depressed and started feeling like no one wanted her. So she went to Palm Springs to try to forget AIDS. She didn't stay for long, feeling unfulfilled as her own health got worse. She moved to Oakland to be near her family.

She has now dedicated herself to helping people with AIDS and to helping people who are HIV-negative understand the impact of AIDS. Most recently she has been volunteering for a program called Skip-a-Lunch for Project Open Hand. She also speaks before groups to educate people about AIDS. As part of the San Francisco Health Department's Wedge Program, she speaks to groups of young people in places such as junior high schools and children's hospitals.

She tells people that anyone can get AIDS, including a Black straight woman. She tells of the isolation she feels as a person with AIDS. She feels separate from most others. "If people get cancer, they still get to make love to their spouses. A woman with HIV is lonely. Straight men are not as loving as their gay counterparts. After all, gay men will hug me. Most straight men want to shake my hand. Gays are more educated about HIV and AIDS." Monia found all this out when she decided to date again. Men did not want to go out with her. She would tell her potential lover that she is HIV-positive and that was enough to scare most people away.

Monia tells people that the biggest devastation of AIDS is the loneliness. Even though she feels less isolation in the Bay Area, it is still present. Helping others is what keeps Monia sane. "If I did not have this to do, I would lose my mind. I need to help others understand more about AIDS—especially straight men. If I can educate people about AIDS and what it's like to live with AIDS, then maybe it will make things better for others who get this disease. Now that would be wonderful." If anyone can help ease the loneliness of those with AIDS, it is Monia Perry.

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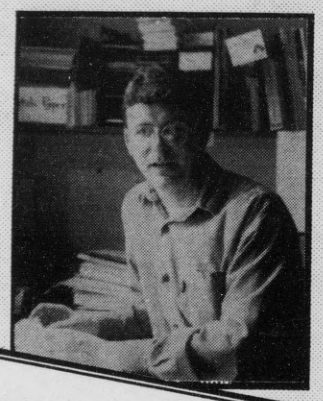

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nect, to see if the two approaches can be combined into a single gene-therapy approach.

There seemed to be a general agreement to focus on the under-50 T-cell group. This was new to all of them; they agreed that it could be done and should be done. We saw the redirection of gene therapy to at least begin addressing cell-line restoration. We had a heated discussion on whether so much effort should be given to creating a better antiviral response, if we are not sure that the disease pathology is caused directly by the virus. Initially there was a reaction, "Is this Duesberg's theory that HIV does not cause AIDS?" We said no, we agree that HIV is the trigger. But the question is, what is the bullet?

No one had a proven theory on how disease pathology proceeds. The group concurred that we don't know. Many argued that no disease has been conquered without first conquering the triggering agent. But meanwhile are there other things that should be done. Gallo said he thought it was very important to shut down TNF production. That led in to the cytokines and other approaches that could be addressed directly, with or without addressing HIV. The antiviral response we get today with AZT, etc. is significant and measurable. Therefore, why don't we see a better result in people?

We also had an intense discussion between two leading scientists over methodology. One asked what are the concepts, what are you trying to achieve, where are you trying to go? He was very strong on big-picture thinking—"And don't trouble me with the details." Whereas the other will eat you alive on the details, but may be blinded on the big picture, where he's going. This led to intelligent discussions of the need for the different kinds of methodologies, and what the payoff is—along with some admission about how neither side had been listening to each other for a long time, and it was important that they do so.

The meeting agreed to the continuation of the group as a standing think tank on restoration of immunity in AIDS, with regular meetings every six months. They agreed to work on the transcripts of the conference, and to attempt to publish a report on it in *Science and Nature*.

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION

We also talked about how these communication difficulties seemed to be affecting science seriously. Should one of the functions of the think tank—in addition to the scientific issues—be to serve as a training vehicle for process, for scientists to work with each other in ways they are unaccustomed to doing? That's on the table; they have left it up to us to decide who the core of the group will be. We'll probably keep the big thinkers in, with some people coming to the meetings

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depending on the subject matter.

They made a pretty convincing argument that the immune activation research does not contraindicate using a vaccine—as Montagnier and some others have suggested, fearing that therapeutic vaccines might make things worse in the long term. But the top vaccine experts at this meeting said there is no evidence of that. They have had people on vaccines for three years or more, and there is no evidence of disease acceleration. The opposite was being shown: that there is evidence of long-term stabilization. Vaccines seem to be functioning as antiviral agents, but safe, nontoxic ones.

The roundup on the vaccine area was the commitment to consider therapeutic vaccines for persons with lower T-cells, and to combine the vaccines with soluble factors or antiviral medications. We will meet with the U.S. experts to try to develop protocols. In Europe, the problem is funding, as well as scientific rivalries.

On passive immunization [also called passive immunotherapy, or passive hyperimmune therapy], we contacted the Veterans Administration in New York, which has conducted a small trial of infusion of plasma which is rich in anti-HIV antibodies. They came to the meeting, but chose to talk about monoclonal antibodies instead, feeling that that was more hopeful than the plasma-transfusion approach. They are developing a number of monoclonal antibodies. Jesse Dobson convincingly argued that this approach should be accompanied by some kind of a diagnostic test, where the patient's virus could be exposed to different antibodies, to see which ones are most effective against it, since people have so many strains of virus. They agreed to that, at least to try to build a test around their antibodies.

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In the stem-cell research area there seems to have been a shift in goals. There is now talk about commercializing stem-cell technology as a delivery vehicle for gene therapy. Everybody doing gene-therapy work needs a vehicle to deliver it. They need some kind of a cell, and the more primitive the cell, the better.

Our concern was where does that leave the original purpose, which was to begin rebuilding the immune system with these stem cells? That led to a debate about whether this approach could work, whether you also needed a functional thymus gland or not; immunologists are divided on that.

The Australians said they would be interested in combining stem-cell work with their thymic transplants—given a break in the U.S. discouragement of fetal-tissue research, however. They will at least talk about this.

The stem-cell people also implied that regulatory and public policy obstacles are being encountered against their research, and that the impact of these obstacles might be a delay in the planned human testing. That was hoped to begin this year, first in a breast cancer patient this spring. If that went well, last year their plans were to try it in an AIDS patient by the end of 1992. They seemed to imply that that's not going to happen now, and that these obstacles are the cause of the delay. We said that if they would put the cards on the table, we might be able to help fight those obstacles.

The stem-cell technology was created for the project to develop the SCID-hu mice. Several years ago the goal was to set up facilities to test hundreds of antiviral drugs a month using these mice. But what we hear is that the company then became more proprietary, less willing to share. Nobody ever developed the large-scale use that was anticipated, and most of them said it was because of the price of the mice.

Now you wonder if the same thing may be happening. The stem-cell work evolved from that technology for the mice. Researchers isolated human stem cells, and took bits of fetal human thymic tissue, and fetal human liver tissue, and implanted them in nude mice. The consequence of that was the generation of a human immune system in a mouse.

Initially the goal was to produce the mice for testing HIV treatments. But soon it became obvious that this work could also be the key to rebuilding an immune system in an AIDS patient; it only took a few human stem cells to generate the whole system in the mouse. The commercial efforts had seemed to be focusing on doing that, but now there is more interest in commercializing the stem cell as a delivery vehicle for gene therapy. Maybe now, after a major recent investment in this technology by Sandoz, it may be possible to do both.

In gene therapy, we were struck by how far along it is—farther than most people believe. Some of the groups at the meeting claimed to have something virtually ready for human testing, but they are very nervous about the regulatory and policy obstacles. One group has a two-part gene therapy that they think can shut off most viral replication in the cells. They hope to get permission to move rapidly to human testing, building upon the success of prior gene therapy experiments—that gene therapy can be developed like other treatments, and no longer needs to be treated as something exotic. We will get behind them on this, and see if some regulatory pressure could be released, so they could start testing.

Another U.S. researcher was urging the opposite approach—to go slow, for fear of a backlash if something went wrong from a premature experiment. Researchers tinker in the laboratory, and don't always feel the pressure to take their work into human testing. We talked about the willingness to take risks in the research process, and go forward. Some of them agreed, and even thought it was important that they be reminded of that regularly.

There was also a review of the bone-marrow transplant data. That was a history of disappointment. For a while the treatment seemed to show benefit; but then the growing cell counts would hit a wall and collapse, usually within a year. The researchers' explanation was that this must be happening because the virus is still there. We suggested that the problem might be due to other factors suppressing cell growth, factors we haven't identified yet. They said maybe, and moved on.

On the soluble factors, we had presentations from Italy on the thymosin study, from France on THF, and on IL-2. The IL-2 is probably the most thoroughly developed data, most intensively studied; it showed no evidence of boosting viral levels. It had been feared that this drug might do so, since it stimulates the growth of T-helper cells, some of which are infected. The drug produces a "saw-tooth" effect, with T-cell counts rising rapidly after infusion of IL-2, then dropping again with time after the infusion. But over time, the trend remained above baseline. So it wasn't just moving cells back and forth, between the tissues and the blood, as some were suggesting; the data seems to show that there is some expansion of the population. IL-2 alone is not the answer, but it may be a part of it.

On thymic humoral factor (THF), a new study is being unblinded this May, so we did not see that data; all we saw was a summary of early Phase I experience, which suggested that further testing was warranted. The researcher is also seeing elimination of live virus in the peripheral blood, using different culture methods to test—even at very low doses of THF.

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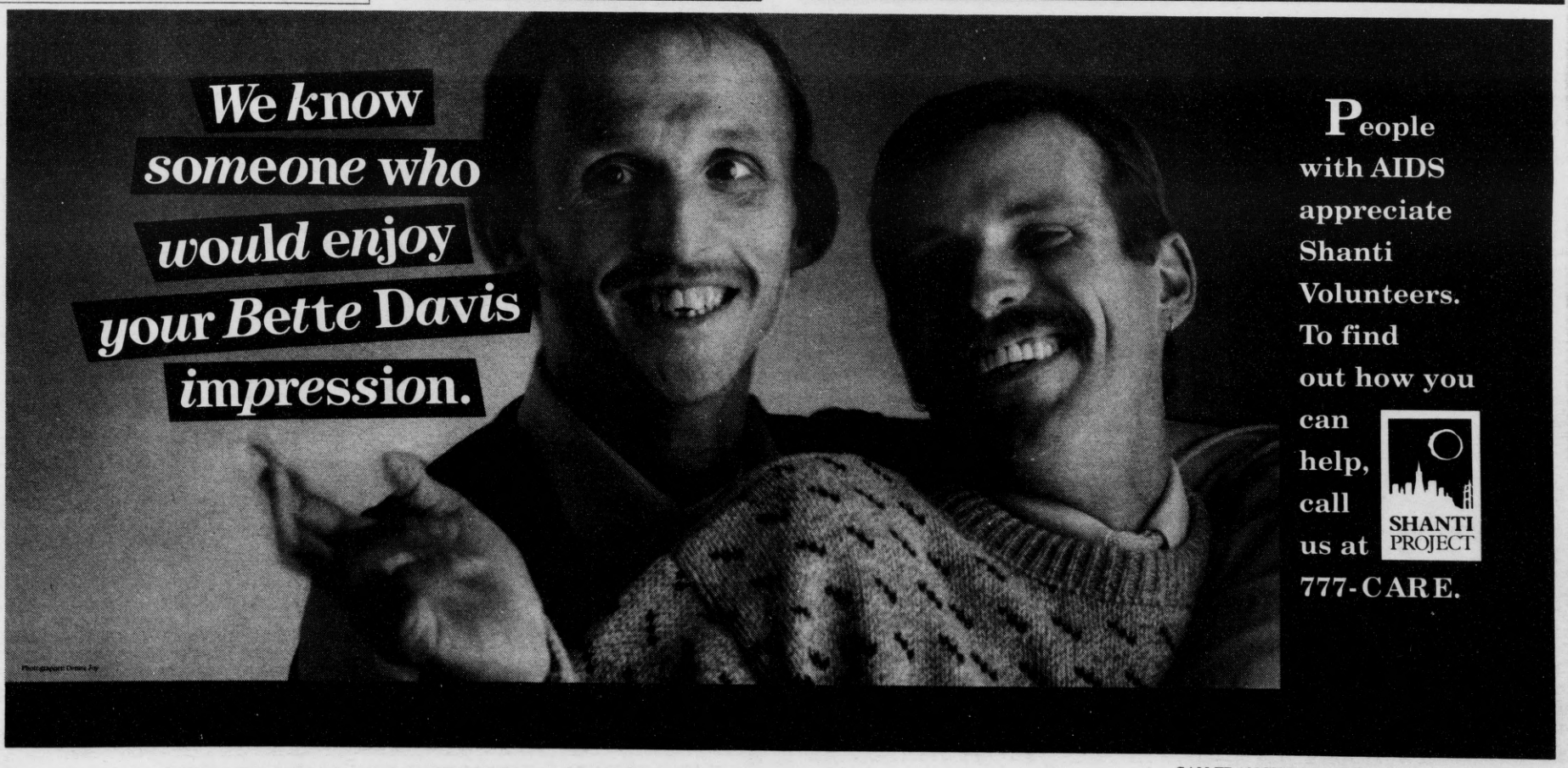
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Letters...

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he wanted his officers to read the *SF Bay Times* article on the demonstrators' point of view, however ridiculous that may seem to this new and inexperienced Police Commission. Bear in mind that the *SF Bay Times* brought him down with the acquiescence of your administration, and yet he can still compliment the paper on its article describing a demonstrator's point of view. Hongisto's stated approach to that newspaper would be absolutely consistent with his past record of support for minorities and his attempts to empower the powerless.

Mr. Hongisto is a confident, effective public servant, and I suspect this is perceived by some as arrogant and threatening. The newly appointed Police Commission and certain high-ranking members of the police department may have this perception.

I believe that you should reappoint Mr. Hongisto as Police Chief, and then encourage an open and public Police Commission hearing on his appointment. This issue is far too important to be decided in one late-night session from which the public was excluded, and which took place while you were ill and not fully awake. If this is not possible, I believe Ms. Ward should be encouraged to switch to another job at a similar level and Mr. Hongisto should be reappointed to the Assessor position to which he was elected.

I wish you success in dealing with this very important crisis and in your future tenure as Mayor. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Jim Groundwater, M.D.
San Francisco

Police Commission in Touch

I believe the Police Commission acted properly in dismissing Chief of Police Hongisto. To suggest the commission is out of touch with the feelings of police officers is mistaken. At least one commissioner is the widow of an officer. The others are representatives of the community they serve. I am glad they are there.

If they had been in L.A. before Rodney King's experience with the police, there might have been a chance to do something positive in removing Chief Gates long ago.

As for Hongisto's supplication for another public office, I do not support such a move. I believe Hongisto should reflect on the good he has done during his public life and reflect on the mistakes he has made. This will take time and solitude.

Once, not too long ago, we had another ambitious public official who wanted his job back. When he didn't get it, some remember the lengths to which he went to get even. Has anyone been watching over Dick's diet lately? Has his revolver been taken away?

Grandiose minds sometimes go beyond reasoning. We've had enough tragedy.

Anna Cephale
Berkeley

Deeply Disturbed

The following letter was sent to Harry Low, chairman of the San Francisco Police Commission:

We are deeply disturbed by reports that the recent theft of copies of the *SF Bay Times* from their distribution boxes may have occurred at the hands of San Francisco police officers.

This heinous act is a flagrant violation of the United States Constitution—specifically the First Amendment—which all members of the San Francisco Police Department have presumably sworn to uphold.

Said confiscation muzzles the expression of editorial opinion by the *SF Bay Times* and it abrogates the perusal rights of San Francisco residents, workers and visitors.

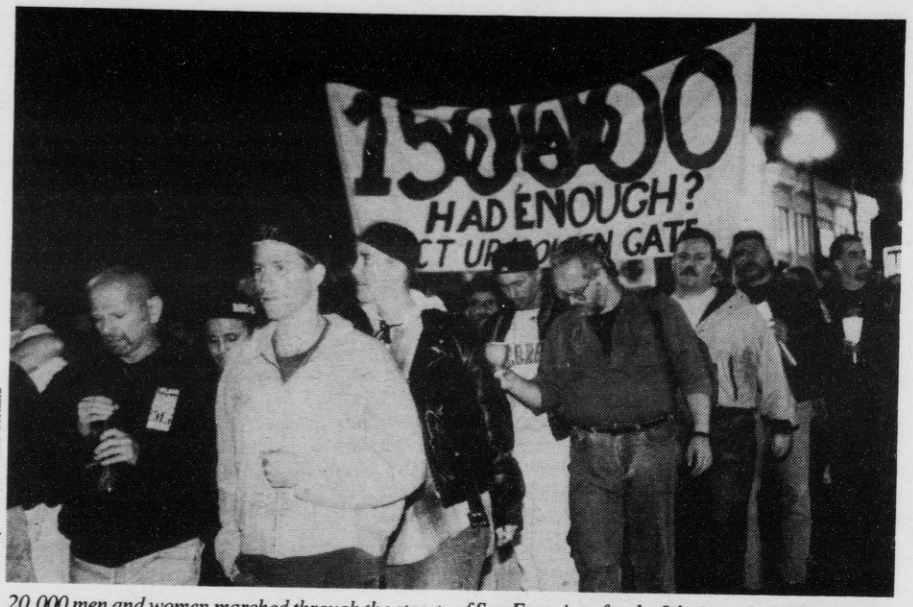
Furthermore, please be reminded that any discussion of this matter not relating to specific, identified personnel must, under the Ralph M. Brown Act, be public. Thank you for your kind attention.

Richard Knee, Chapter President
Society of Professional Journalists

Liberal-Radical-Revolutionary Forum

With my curiosity (defined by its conservative-libertarian, gay male, philosophical-political limits) tweaked by the *SF Bay Times*/Richard Hongisto controversy, I obtained and read, *en toto*, a copy of the issue in question (May 7), with its irreverent cover of Police Chief Hongisto.

While I do intend to keep it as the collector's item it is certain to become, irrespective of the outcome of the matter at hand (Was Hongisto so PO'd by your composite of him "jerking off" his baton that he,



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20,000 men and women marched through the streets of San Francisco for the 9th Annual AIDS Memorial Candlelight March.

himself, ordered the *SF Bay Times* confiscated?), I doubt that I will become a regular reader of your unique contribution to the fourth estate.

The *SF Bay Times*—at least from my vantage point—reveals itself to be little more than yet another left-liberal-radical-revolutionary forum dominated by militant "politically correct" lesbian feminists.

Having said that, however, I would be among the first—and will so remain—to damn, criticize and condemn any or all who would attempt to suppress either your right to publish or distribute!

Thomas M. Edwards
San Francisco

It Must Be Better

I heard about your problem—police removing your papers from the streets. If your paper is *that* outspoken, effective and direct it must be a better paper than the others. I shall in the future seek it out. Here in Mill Valley I'll have to look a bit to find it, but I shall. I hope this publicity ends up aiding your paper, interesting others as it has interested me.

L. Neville
Mill Valley

Gratitude

I am writing to express my gratitude to you and your staff and contributors for an outstanding publication of the highest quality. In the latest issue (May 7), I was glued to—no, I *devoured*—reporter Tim Kingston's coverage of the Jordan/Hongisto power abuses. Contributor Dave Ford's "Write Stuff" was an extremely well-written angle on how AIDS continues to spread alarmingly in the teen population. I hope the teens are reading. In your paper's entertainment coverage, Letalien's professional interview of Susan Griffin was compelling and excellent. But perhaps the most entertaining of all to me—the dessert—was the "Welcome to Me" column by Ggreg Deborah Taylor, O.S. I was reading *SF Bay Times* when my current "date" came over to pick me up because we were going out. I was trying to maintain an air of cool sophistication around him (we've just met—I didn't want him to think I was just another gushing queen) when I ran across the Opulent Superstar's opening lines. I couldn't help it—I burst into fits of uncontrollable laughter, shattering my "cool." My date must have thought I was absolutely crazy, because I couldn't explain what the laughter was all about without getting choked up again. This went on for more than five minutes. Madame O.S.'s particularly wacky, zany style deserves the ultimate praise!

Thanks, *SF Bay Times*, for producing such a high-quality publication. You have my compliments.

P.S. My date went very well—the laughter helped.

Sam Mather
San Francisco

Attacks on Poor People

What do the Rodney King verdict, Pete Wilson's budget cuts and the SFPD's siege tactics against demonstrators have in common? Attacks on poor people. Attacks on people of color. Attacks on speaking out for what most people in this country have a right to and aren't getting: human rights and quality of life.

Jordan and Hongisto think they're "getting tough" with San Francisco demonstrators. They don't want the SFPD to look like wimps compared to the LAPD. The way to deal with outrage at the police brutality of the King case is not to brutalize our own civil and Constitutional rights.

Wilson thinks he's "getting tough" with the state budget. The way to deal with the out-of-control budget is not his proposed cuts to AFDC, General Assistance, Medi-Cal, AIDS funding, women's health care and education. Taxing corporations and eliminating loopholes for the rich would create more than enough money to balance the budget. In other words: chop from the top. Pete would rather make the rich richer and the poor poorer, sicker, uneducated or dead.

Pete Wilson, Daryl Gates, Frank Jordan and Richard Hongisto take note: the people of this city and this state will not be corralled into compliance.

Kathy Seeley
Coalition Against the Budget Cuts
San Francisco

Observations

During the last two weeks, I have spent nearly 100 hours observing police activity during demonstrations and looting. I have interviewed individuals from both the police and civilian sides. I can see that there are problems on both sides.

The police need a better vetting procedure during arrests, better prior notification to disperse, and better control over the personnel at the Santa Rita facility. The activists need to adhere to established public safety procedures such as filing for parade permits when they plan to disrupt traffic.

The most galling deficiency to me is the sheeplike willingness of so-called informed political activists to accept at face value the presentations of certain of their leaders. There are as many self-serving hidden political agendas among those claiming to be progressives as among those claiming conservative agendas. For instance, one who has been a prominent organizer of the AIDS candlelight vigil for many years has shared the platform with elements of the LaRouche gang. RAW and RCP have apparently been infiltrated by the feds. Last Friday Jean Harris maintained close contact, and appeared to be taking marching orders from City Hall. Hadley Roff spent much of that day going around City Hall recruiting employees to attend the protest.

I had heard that a certain part of the Jordan administration was working on ways to set up a situation in which Richard Hongisto could believably be forced to resign. I had heard that an upper level administrator in the police department would be involved. I had heard that certain elements of the vice squad and Cops for Christ were cooperating. I had heard that Hadley Roff has a grudge against Richard. I gave all these rumors the short shrift most rumors deserve, until I saw the newspaper.

It is beyond my belief that anyone could give any credence to the idea that Richard would order his officers to "confiscate" those papers, particularly those who know Dick. Discounting ethics for the moment, he is just not that stupid. Besides being stupid, such an action would be dangerous and useless. If fair-weather Hongisto supporters and progressive activists need any more evidence that certain of their leaders are deliberately taking them down a primrose path of hidden political agendas—that this whole scenario has been an attempt to set up Dick—then they haven't the intelligence I mistakenly credited to them.

R. Christopher Horak
San Francisco

Responding to KTVU

The following letter was sent to KTVU-TV:

I am writing in response to the "editorial opinion" offered to the public by your station on Wednesday morning, May 13. It defended the Mayor of San Francisco and his police chief in their mass arrest actions of the previous weeks. While many who don't know any better will sit back and allow this kissing-up by your "Owner" or "Editor," or whoever it is, I must take issue, because I am aware of the facts.

My landlord—a thirtyish professional woman and property owner—was just returning from a doctor's appointment and had parked her car some 800 feet from the corner of Duboce and Fillmore. She was part of a large group of onlookers gathering to watch the protest pass (as it was—peacefully) to Duboce Park. There was no looting. There was no violence. Moreover, there was no "reasonable request" to contain or disperse, as your spokesperson claims. There were *never* any loudspeaker orders of any kind, as there didn't need to be. To be sure, there was some jeering and taunting from the crowd, but there were no ugly confrontations—yet. I was in my backyard, one block from the protest, and I heard nothing.

My landlord said she saw some type of smoke device go off, though it was not clear to her whether it was thrown by a police officer or a protester, and she headed back to our house. When she turned, she was confronted by a "dragnet" of police coming down the street in a line so that no one could get through. Upon orders from their captain to "take whoever is in the way," they proceeded to do just that. It did not matter if these people were protesters, Muni riders, homeless people or residents. Anyone

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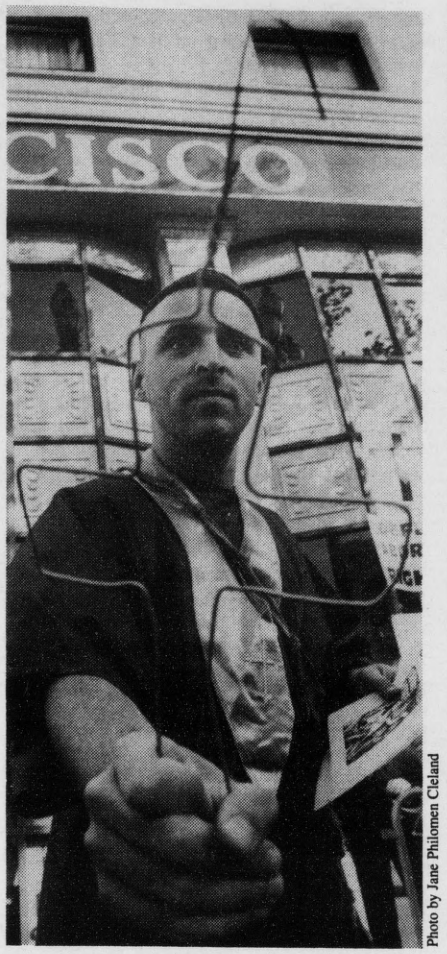
Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski—the lovers separated for many years after Sharon was injured in a car accident, and her parents and the courts refused to acknowledge Sharon's relationship with Karen—were in San Francisco last week to speak at a forum sponsored by the National Center for Lesbian Law. They discussed the crucial importance for gay and lesbian couples to create legal proof of their relationship, in the absence of laws that allow us to marry, through power of attorney, wills, etc. If you and your lover don't have these documents yet, don't leave yourself open to suffer as Karen and Sharon did—contact a lawyer ***immediately!***



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BACORR picket and street theatre on Market Street, when Joe Schidler, a notorious anti-woman, anti-abortion, anti-queer crusader spoke in the City.

within the net was arrested. Even after my landlord *proved* that she lived at this address, and while our neighbors were screaming out of their doors and windows that she was innocent, she was forced into a van that conveniently appeared out of nowhere. She was finally released at 2 am, seven hours after she had simply stepped out of her car to see what the noise was all about. Many people were not even aware there *was* a protest until it happened. Two other people in the police van with my landlord were there under the same circumstances. If you study the public's outrage with this, you will find many such circumstances.

I am very much in favor of police attempts to control senseless violence and lootings. I plead for it every day. I believe they should be around in the first place to prevent such goings-on (as they should have been the *previous* week). But this was just a blatant miscarriage of justice, exactly indicative of what the shouting was all about. It was a show of force for image's sake. It was chaos created by the police that played protesters right into their hands without regard for rights or innocence. It was premeditated and it was wrong. The police, in their effort to protect, jumped the gun, panicked, and *they* were the ones who created the disturbance.

I have only been in San Francisco for two years, but I have never seen "angry mobs controlling the streets," as your spokesperson claims, except in the instances following the Rodney King verdict and the AB101 fiasco. I definitely agree: Violence must be quelled. The destruction of innocent people and property must not be tolerated. But let's take that one step (or several, as the case may be) further. These people would not be so outraged if they had a leadership that was more responsive to *true* American needs, rather than just the needs of white-collar CEOs. Our leaders have been blatantly squashing those they feel should have no power, and then they become wide-eyed with disbelief when those forces join in angry unison. I believe there should be more such unison. A large voice is the only one that seems to shake up change. This is no joke. These are people's lives.

No, I have never seen mobs controlling the streets except when they feel they have been wronged by people they *want* to trust. What I have seen several times is your "Editor" kissing the butts of those in positions of government power. Is he trying to gain a seat on some board or what? I like your TV station, but I am growing more repulsed by this obvious sucking-up in the face of situations about which you choose to remain ignorant.

When *you*, sir, can come out of your cushy home or office and simply stand with people and listen to their anger—to be *just a witness* and not an instigator to many of these situations you address—*then* you may offer your opinion to me. Why is it that we are always obligated to listen to *your* opinion? Using your television station as a sounding board for your obvious dislike of those different from yourself is a shame and a gross misuse of the public's trust. It turns your "entertainment" offerings into travesty.

Get out and work with those people you so proudly reject, and do it before you start rattling off about something about which you know very little. You are perpetuating the separations. Please stop it.

Ricky Camus
San Francisco

Bisexuals Express Outrage

As organizers within the bisexual community, we want to express our shock and outrage at the acquittal of the four white police officers who brutally beat Rodney King. Both the beating and the acquittal are clearly racist and are systematically supported by our white-dominated American institutions. Ironically it has revealed what African Americans and other people of color in this country have always been aware of: the pervasiveness of racism in the very institutions charged with protecting human rights. Part of the shock is how blatant and public this example of racism was. The specific and dangerous message made public by these acquittals is that "It's OK to beat a Black man."

Most people, of any color, feel that the violent response to the acquittal of King's assailants in Los Angeles and across the country was a great tragedy and trauma; however, many of us recognize that the motive for this was no less tragic and traumatic. The institutionalized violence of racism and classism is what underlies and motivates these violent responses. Many of us have been shaken with the urgency of prioritizing and confronting these responses in our society.

We want to express our support, compassion and solidarity with African Americans and all people of color. As people who are committed to ending oppression, and as white people, we are compelled to take a public and personal stand against the acts of violence perpetrated against Rodney King and the African-American community. Further, we carry this compassion and commitment to the fight against institutionalized violence against all oppressed people.

As bisexual activists, we are committed to the great diversity of our community as well as to the belief that all forms of oppression are connected. We must confront all forms of oppression and domination, both institutional and within ourselves, to make a fundamental change in the world.

The Chinese character for crisis also stands for opportunity. This has clearly been a period of crisis; indeed, it represents an ongoing crisis in our society. It is imperative that we make this an opportunity as well. Those of us who are white must look at the ways in which we both contribute to and benefit from racism. We must support the right to peaceful protest, which is currently under attack in San Francisco and other cities, while taking concrete and creative action to eliminate racism and develop economic opportunity. We must reaffirm our commitment and support for each other. It will take all of us working together if we are to make a difference.

Vicki McGuire, Autumn Courtney, Jim Frazin, Matt Le Grant, Karla Rossi, Maggi Rubenstein, Krista Timlin, Naomi Tucker

Melinda Paras—Heroine

Melinda Paras has been one of our unsung heroines—but lately I've been hearing a lot of singing.

Most recently, we've been hearing a lot about Melinda's pivotal role in helping to diversify and increase the effectiveness of the staff and services at Shanti Project, a nonprofit agency that cares for people with HIV.

Melinda has worked tirelessly for the lesbian/gay/bisexual community for more than 15 years—whether at Shanti, Community United Against Violence, voter registration drives or town meetings. Personally, I was impressed by her ability to lead us to a decisive election victory last year in the Domestic Partners campaign.

What impressed me was her ability to bring together diverse and divisive groups, fostering cooperation and unity. Not an easy task—especially amid dirty mayoral campaigns. But Melinda has a unique ability to listen, build consensus and lead.

As a result of her patient work, Melinda accomplished tasks without pissing everyone off. We actually had fun. And while that may not be the

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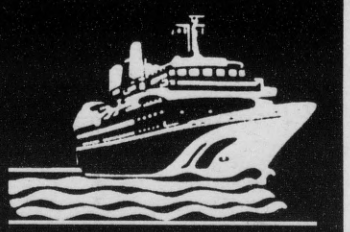

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single most important goal of an election campaign, it sure makes me want to work on more campaigns with Melinda.

Last week I heard rumors that Tom Ammiano and others are trying to draft Melinda for the School Board. Music to my ears.

Jason P. Lorber
San Francisco

Clarification on Kile

I wish to offer a minor, yet important, clarification to a statement which appeared in your May 7 column, "From the Heart." In that column, you identified Kile Ozier as the NAMES Project's international events producer, "making sure that the Quilt gets maximum exposure around the country and around the world."

While we are pleased to have Kile on staff with us as the director of our International Event, which will take place October 9-11 in Washington, D.C. (at which time the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed for the first time since 1989), we are equally as pleased to have Debra Resnik as the director of our Display Department, which coordinates all ongoing domestic displays of the Quilt, and Juan-Carlos Castano as our International Programs Coordinator.

Thank you for clarifying this matter for your readers.

Lisa M. Catapano, Managing Director
NAMES Project, San Francisco

A Quick Note

Just a quick note to let you know how much I enjoy your paper. Your new column, "From the Heart," is long overdue. We need to read more positive things about our community. Keep up the good work and thanks for informing us about people who help our community. So much negativity has been written about us, it's nice to read about people like Page Hodel and Kile Ozier helping our community.

Bill Davis
San Francisco

Pay Attention to AB2601 & AB3825

I'm issuing a challenge to the editors and readers of the *SF Bay Times* to pay more attention to the passage of the two Gay Civil Rights Bills in California, AB2601 and AB3825.

These two bills are working their way through the Legislature in California, but they are being underreported and undersupported by both the gay press and the lesbian, gay, bisexual public. It's extremely important for the sponsors of these two bills to have as much ammunition as possible, in the form of supportive mail, as they work to push the bills through the Legislature.

I urge businesspeople to write to Assemblyman Terry Friedman, 14144 Ventura Blvd., Suite 100, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, in support of AB2601.

I urge all concerned citizens to write to Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, 1388 Sutter St., Suite 1002, SF 94109, in support of AB3825.

Finally, I dare the *SF Bay Times*'s editors to pay more attention to, and throw their support behind, these two landmark pieces of legislation. Let's not lose this golden opportunity. Don't wait until these bills are defeated to express your opinion on the subject.

Paul Haut
San Francisco

HIV As Assault

I would like to go on record in full support of pending SB 982 and other such bills that would make it a felony to knowingly expose another person to HIV. Unlike many other gay people, I do not view such laws to be a form of gay-bashing sanctioned by the state.

I will admit that I am very liberal when it comes to sexual behavior. But, I do believe that people who know they are HIV-positive owe it to their sex partners to tell them and/or use protection.

I know of a guy in Sacramento with a long criminal and prison history who is HIV-positive. This guy (who happens to be white) has kept a parade of mostly Black guys coming and going from his apartment, trading sex (or "death," as I put it) for drugs from these guys. He does not use any protection, does not tell them or want them to know that is HIV-positive.

In view of the fact that most of his sex partners are Black, I believe that he is involved in some sort of a secret hate crusade to kill as many Black people as possible before he succumbs to AIDS.

The live-in manager and property management company have been fully aware of this situation for a long time. They have made absolutely no effort to do anything about it. I, for one, consider the manager and property management company to be willing and cooperative accomplices to the murderous behavior of this guy.

In view of the fact that he was recently released from prison and has a long criminal (and drug) history, I am surprised that the property management company even rented to him.

When it comes to addressing this problem, I do not favor any laws that could or would lead to discrimination in housing against people who are HIV-positive. It is simply this cold-hearted, murderous behavior and attitude (of sex for fun, drugs, money and/or other favors) of a few HIV-positive people that I strongly deplore.

David Raffield
Sacramento

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

What a Drag!!—a few Queens go a long way to liven up the Bay To Breakers on Sunday, May 17.

Kollontai Not Pollentai

I much enjoyed Kris Kovick's interview with Susie Bright in the *SF Bay Times* (May 7). I've long admired Susie as a prime mover and shaker in the Bay Area for sexual, cultural and social liberation. However, I do wish to point out an error (on whose part I don't know) in her response to Kris' question: "Who are your political elders?" The answer has it as Alexandra Pollentai. Actually, it's spelled Aleksandra Kollontai.

Kollontai was a political, as well as sexual, revolutionary well before the Russian Revolution, when she joined the Bolsheviks, albeit with lifelong sentiments toward anarchism. In her fight for women to be heard, she was disliked and put down by many of the male Bolshevik leaders, who reflected the sexism of their patriarchal societal upbringing. Kollontai was no monogamist. Lenin attacked her views on sexual freedom with his notorious statement: "Thirst must be satisfied—but will the normal man in normal circumstances lie down in the gutter and drink out of a puddle, or out of a glass with a rim greasy with many lips?" This showed Lenin as an impossible Puritan, the product of his middle-class civil servant family upbringing and its "traditional values."

It should be noted that it was Aleksandra Kollontai who led the last real rebellion within the increasingly autocratic Bolshevik Party in the early 1920s—for representatives of trade unions to have a say in the running of the economy. Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin wanted the policy-making to be the exclusive franchise of the ruling elite of the Communist Party. Kollontai's Workers' Opposition was crushed by the party bosses, and with it vanished the last traces of free debate within the Bolshevik Party until the coming of Glasnost in the 1980s. Stalin later executed some of the Workers' Opposition leaders, including a former lover of Kollontai's. She herself muted any further criticism of the Moscow leadership, except perhaps in her private thoughts.

Contrary to the Kovick-Bright interview, which said "she got purged under Stalin," through some fluke, she was spared when many of the old Bolshies were being exterminated left and right. Instead, Kollontai was exiled to the Soviet foreign diplomatic corps, probably because Stalin needed the international experience and credibility she accumulated prior to World War I. She served as ambassador to Sweden from 1930 to 1945. In 1945 she retired from her Swedish post in poor health and lived out her remaining years in Moscow until her death on March 9, 1952, at nearly 80.

SF Bay Times readers who might like to learn more about this remarkable woman would do well to read Barbara Evan Clements' fine biography: *Bolshevik Feminist—The Life of Aleksandra Kollontai* (Indiana University Press, 1979).

Harry Siitonen
San Francisco

The 51st State?

On the June 2 ballot, every county in California will have a measure dealing with the proposed concept of creating a 51st state, called Northern California. It initially sounds good, but don't be duped. This tax-consuming, hare-brained idea is one of the rare pieces of legislation to come out of the author's office in his 16 years in Sacramento. This anti-AB 101 assemblyperson, Stan Statham, who sided with homophobe Lou Sheldon, wants to split the Golden State somewhere north of Sacramento (too many astute gay persons at the current Capitol?).

The time and taxpayer money Statham and his staff have spent on this proposal is obscene ($25,000 to each county clerk's budget, if a special election). Even his own office admits this move will go nowhere. Why then is he promoting this debacle? His taxpayer-financed literature says one thing, but his hidden agenda is to create a separate state where "those weirdos in the southern part of the state," and especially San Francisco, can't influence those in the "new" state of Northern California.

This fantasy state would be about the size of Kansas, yet have a payroll smaller and an unemployment rate higher than the national average. If that's not enough to vote against this smoke-and-mirrors idea, then knowing Statham's other fantasy, of reigning over the new fiefdom as "King," with his wife, Lovie, as "Queen-in-waiting," should be.

Fortunately, this political season, a challenger of substance and foresight has emerged. Redding's Bill Brashears hopefully will provide the needed change for the district.

We, as voters and taxpayers, can't let the likes of Statham get away with this self-serving sham. He claims California is in a coma, when it's he himself who has been the lethargic legislator of the last 16 years. Let this hard-nosed, anti-humanitarian know we have voting power. Vote No on the 51st State Ballot Measure on June 2.

Frank D. Treadway
Anderson, CA

Terrific Sierrans

About a year and a half ago I discovered a terrific organization that more of us should know about: The Gay and Lesbian Sierrans section of the Sierra Club. I was immediately impressed with the high quality and wide range of GLS activities, which are described in its bi-monthly membership newsletter. A typical month sees events such as a dozen or so hikes (of varying length and difficulty), bicycle and backpacking trips, a trail maintenance project, and educational activities such as an upcoming debate about mountain biking in public open spaces.

GLS also conducts campaigns to preserve the environment—the section was largely responsible for saving from development the East Bay Regional Park District's Morgan Territory. GLS is a good place to meet interesting people and its hikes are an excellent way to remedy work week tension. I'm sure others of all ages in the gay and lesbian community would enjoy GLS. With dues at 12 bucks for the first year (three for limited-income folks), it's one of the world's great bargains.

Phil Hoehn
El Cerrito, CA

Judgmental Ann

The following letter was sent to Ann Landers:

Your two columns concerning the question "Are you glad to be gay?" are interesting and powerful. I almost replied—but did not know how to express myself in response to such an oversimplified question.

I know how to express myself now.

You conclude your survey with the statement that homosexuality "can be suppressed but not altered." Suppressed? By whom? Who are you to "suppress" other people's private, consensual behavior?

You truly amaze me. After reading more than 75,000 letters you are still as judgmental now as you were in the very beginning.

Alan Blackman
San Francisco

The Danger of Censorship

The following letter was sent to Helaine Posner, curator, List Visual Arts Center, MIT:

Today I read about the NEA's rejection of a grant for an exhibition at the List Visual Arts Center of MIT. While I protest this censorship, I am writing this letter to protest your attempt to classify your exhibition as separate from work that is sexually explicit.

You clearly fail to understand the danger and the insidiousness of censorship on the free expression and exchange of ideas. You have accepted the idea that censorship of sexually explicit artwork is an acceptable censorship. You have curated this exhibition to stay just within the lines of this censorship, thinking that you are safe. But you are obviously wrong. How long will it take before people like you understand that once censorship has an acceptable level, nothing is safe? That once we accept the oppression and censorship of ideas by a certain group, nothing and no one is safe?

To my mind, you are more dangerous than Anne-Imelda Radice, the acting chairwoman of the NEA. At least she is freely and honestly expressing her view that censorship of art through the refusal of funds from the government is an acceptable stance. You are far more dangerous because you stand silently by while the government silences minority viewpoints, and attempt to live within such restrictive guidelines. When you are caught in the web of censorship, instead of proclaiming the importance of free expression, you try to proclaim that the line of censorship should instead lie just to the side of the work you are doing.

As an artist and as an American who believes in the free expression and exchange of ideas, I am of-

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The AIDS Bike-a-thon, on May 9, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and wound its way through the streets of San Francisco, raising a quarter of a million dollars in the battle against AIDS along the way. Pledge checks can be sent to Different Spokes, PO Box 14711, SF 94114.

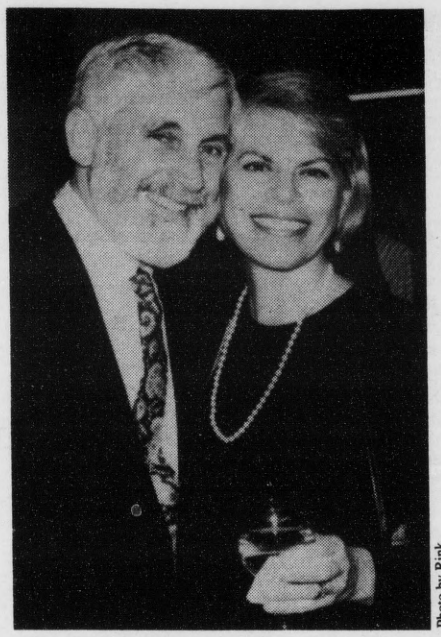

Photo by Rink

Drs. Mervyn Silverman and Constance Wofsy—friends in the war against HIV—attended the SF AIDS Foundation's 10th anniversary dinner.

fended and saddened by both the actions of the NEA and by your response and attitude.

Mark I. Chester
San Francisco

Dekadance Profits

After reading the response to Mark I. Chester from Jeff Palmer-Brodhead of Club Dekadance, I felt prompted to write. Obviously, Brodhead missed the point of Chester's letter.

A creative person's images are his or her stock-in-trade, the results of years and money spent in the process of finding a creative vision. Brodhead seems to feel that he's doing these people (or more specifically Diane Arbus) a favor by plastering their images on telephone poles to advertise his club. Perhaps this was *not* the artist's intent. I believe it is safe to say that Arbus didn't intend her images to be used to advertise a dance club. And whatever Mr. Brodhead might feel concerning whether or not her esteem has been diminished is immaterial—that is only for her or her estate to decide.

If Brodhead feels that Arbus' images should "be seen, appreciated, reinterpreted, etc.," he also might want to respect the artist's integrity by first obtaining permission, and then by respecting the artist's wishes concerning the context in which the work would be seen.

Secondly, Brodhead claims *not* to profit from use of these images. The posters he prints advertise his business, which one must assume is a profit-making venture. Therefore, he does indeed profit from their use. Also, he says, "If original artwork were a criteria for being on a flyer, the telephone poles in the Castro would be bare, with one exception." (Not his, apparently.) Just because everyone else does it, that does not make plagiarism right.

Being in the creative fields myself, I really tire of the attitude that we creative folks should just be grateful for the "exposure," while others use and profit from our work. If Brodhead were more involved in the creative fields, he would know that studio space, cameras, films, etc., don't just magically appear. They must be paid for.

What I have to say to him and others is: If you really admire an artist's creative output, show it *by paying that artist just compensation and respecting his or her legal rights to their work.*

Kenneth D. King
San Francisco

Making a Fortune

I would like to comment on Jeff Palmer-Brodhead's response to Mark I. Chester's letter in your May 7 issue.

Brodhead, as the owner and manager of Club Dekadance, is totally out of touch with what he is doing. He states his flyers are not for profit. But he is charging admission to his club. He is making a fortune with the use of others' photos, while at the same time trashing the Castro. Every pole, newsrack, wall, sidewalk, etc., is covered with his and other clubs' trash.

I have been a resident and business owner in the Castro for 20 years. Brodhead's arrogance and self-inflated sense of importance is pitiful, but seems to be all too common in the gay community. Make your money, sir, but give credit where it is due and stop trashing our neighborhood.

Robert Alton
San Francisco

Trashing Upper Market

Regarding the dispute between Mark I. Chester and Jeff Palmer-Brodhead, I would like to say that besides the inappropriate (and illegal) use of artists' work by Brodhead, his continual trashing of the Upper Market area has got to stop. On a recent walk around the neighborhood one evening, it seemed every telephone pole, booth, Muni shelter, etc., had at least one of his flyers posted on it. I strongly suggest that individuals who want to tidy up the area file a complaint with Chief John Newlan of the Mission Police Station, 1240 Valencia St., SF 94110, telephone: 553-1544.

Jason Prost
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Happy! Happy! Joy! Joy!

The sun has just gone into Gemini. Of course, that's common knowledge and common knowledge is what Gemini is all about. Almost simultaneously, Mercury and Venus are also moving from Taurus to Gemini, and the general effect is about as effervescent as a ginger-ale enema. Not that I'd know from first-hand experience, but you'd be amazed at what one hears from clients! Indeed, you'll hear as much as if you had been dropped into a home for the terminally loquacious (if you will still yourself long enough to listen!), but fortunately all the chatter will be laced with wit and charm. As Sun, Mercury and Venus square Jupiter, we will become a bit more succinct, *a la* Nick and Nora Charles. Pity that won't last but a few days!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: This is a very lucky time for money, games and investments. Go ahead and buy lottery tickets and place a few bets. You can hardly go wrong. (Unless you're a compulsive gambler, in which case satisfy yourself with any sport or game you don't have to ante up for.) It's very tempting to party and share your wealth (new-found, such-as-it-is, or otherwise) with your friends. I know better than to argue with Arian impulse, but you can preempt it. Leave the cash and plastic at home before you leave it everywhere else.

TAURUS: Your home is your showcase, and this is a wonderful time to fix it up and open it up to your friends. This is the perfect time to host any sort of party, but your grace and wit are at their height, so nothing could be more perfect than a salon. More casually, you could invite all your friends, and the ones who show can dish the ones who don't. Just remember they'll be leaving your home with their tongues sharpened. This is an ideal time to handle any matter regarding your home, real estate or family matters. Speak your mind openly and freely and opportunities will fall into your lap. If there's something you've been meaning to tell your folks, there will never be a better time. (And odds are they already know anyway!)

GEMINI: Pay close attention to your dreams, hopes and fears. Any sudden hunches or intuitions will be very revealing. Restrain yourself a bit, though, when you share them with others. Your sign already tends to be a bit garrulous, but now more than ever. Pay careful attention to those you chat with. They do want to hear from you, but how much? Be sensitive to their limits. This would be a good time to write letters or start a journal. It's also a good time to practice your listening skills, and you're already a good listener. As things get weird (and right now they will!) be helpful to those less fortunate. You'll learn a lot about yourself in the process. *Happy Birthday: Barbara Cameron, Rachel Schochet, Mario Mondelli, Chris Beatty, and Gary Ost!*

CANCER: Your friends have lots of notions about what to do with your money, and some of these are damned good. Allowing a friend too close to your purse strings can be disastrous. Milk them for ideas, but make up your own mind. Get advice from different people and be prepared to balance contradictory suggestions; perhaps even to synthesize apparent contradictions. In the midst of all this, take time to consider what you really want to do with your money: how you want to make it, what you would save or spend it for. Consider your long-range goals and be ready to make changes in your economic strategies.

LEO: How sweet, charming and gracious can you get? You already have more of a head start than anyone could need, but you know you can get flirtatious and/or effusive—now as much as ever. Don't worry about getting the spotlight. It's all yours, perhaps even more than you would wish in your wildest dreams. The trick is to take all the attention you're getting right now and to focus it through careful crafting to make it the kind of attention that will really help you. In any event, your reputation will be boosted all over the place. Now, what kind of reputation do you really want to cultivate?

VIRGO: Blessings come in disguise these days. Well, things aren't quite that bad. This week and next will have philosophical opportunities coming out of left field. Some of your deepest darkest secrets will come out, but much to your ultimate benefit. This is a perfect time to go to confession or do a fifth step, or whatever you do to unburden your soul. The benefits will increase as you willingly give up your secrets—but you don't have to let everyone know. A spiritual advisor or a teacher will return your confidence with some wonderful revelation, perhaps without even realizing it.

LIBRA: This week and next offer indecent fun in wonderful ways that, uh, is your lover reading this? Granted, it's not for everyone, but for those of you who are up to such frivolities, this is an ideal time for group sex. For the more monogamous, the stars offer intricate explorations of new techniques. Talk it out with your partner, and hold nothing back! This frenzy of erotic activity could be channeled into other chakras. If you prefer, this is also an excellent time for pursuing metaphysical insights from various sources, synthesizing your own deeper truths from a mix-and-match of your eclectic studies. But there's no need to dichotomize fleshly pleasures and spiritual quests. The crown and the root feed each other; allow yourself a full chakra treatment!

SCORPIO: You loathe interference, but the fact is that right now your partner can make the best connections to further your career. As much as possible, attend work-related or public events as a couple. Your own networking skills are at their height, so if you don't have a partner you may find one, now as likely as ever. Either way, you can rely on associates to help get your name out where it should do you a lot of good. It's no small help that you now radiate open confidence. Don't push it! You know how you can go to extremes and easily go overboard. Just be relaxed, confident, yourself. Yes, you're a lot more gregarious than usual. This brief phase will serve you well. Enjoy it while you can!

SAGITTARIUS: Too much of a good thing, as Mae once said, is wonderful. There's no holding you back (and no need to!) these days, but a little discipline and focus can make the most of an already advantageous time. Careful attention to details and clarity can open up even better opportunities. Cultivate connections at work, and you can move into a position that will offer you travel or an extended education. Whatever you say or do will get broadcast—even more than usual. This is also an ideal time to check into any potential health problems and nip them in the bud. At the very least, treat yourself to a massage and a long, hot soak. Breathing exercises and high colonics are especially helpful right now.

CAPRICORN: Whatever you do, you do better than anyone. It may take a while to show, but you have an endurance that enables you to persevere as others fall by the wayside. These days your pursuit of excellence is focused on partying and amusement. Your tastes may be a bit conservative, but that will allow you to enjoy your sips of fruit juice while the usual party-hardy crowd is getting schnockered into oblivion. Your clarity and wit allow you pleasures and opportunities most folks will overlook; erotic pleasures, perhaps, or wonderful metaphysical insights. One does not preclude the other.

AQUARIUS: You've been quite the homebody lately. Having established yourself comfortably in your little castle, you could now have a lovely salon or two. This weekend is ideal for entertaining some of your more artistic and cultured friends. Such tasteful soirees will help you to find or strengthen a partnership. Although you are typically set on doing things your own way, do consult your love (or your domestic partner-elect), and try to work together on hosting the event. If your domestic partner elects to spend the weekend in a shared seclusion, remember even Gertrude and Alice needed time alone!

PISCES: All of a sudden there is so much to discuss. It all seems so important to your work, and indeed much of it is, but think carefully before you open your mouth. Do open it and speak up, but try to be terse. Your sudden rush of loquacity can undermine the truly important points you have to make. Carefully crafted memoranda and shrewd networking can be most helpful! This is also a good time to pay attention to your health, especially in the areas of nutrition and respiration. Bowels and bronchia may be bothersome now, but take good care now and avoid serious trouble later.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

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MAY 21 / THU

Women's Alcohol-Free Social Night at Mama Bears: Come chat, read or play games. Scrabble boards provided, feel free to bring your own games. 7-11 pm. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Gay novelist John Rechy (*City of Night, Numbers, The Sexual Outlaw, Marilyn's Daughter*) reads from his newest novel *The Miraculous Day of Amalia Gomez*, a portrait of one day in the life of a Mexican American woman and her family. 7:30 pm, $5. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF. Spons by The Poetry Center at SF State University. Proceeds benefit the Cindy Kolb AIDS Fund at SF State. The fund provides grants to students, faculty & staff with HIV. Info: Zack Rogow 338-2227.

Sara Levi Calderon speaks at SF Jewish Community Ctr as part of their Meet the Author lecture series. Calderon is the author of *Two Mujeres*, a novel exploring the romance of two divorced Jewish Mexican women & the constraints placed on their relationship by family & society. This controversial book, one of only 3 openly lesbian works published in Mexico, is in its third printing. 7:30 pm, $5. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 229. 3200 California St, SF.

"National Energy Policy & the Presidential Election," a talk by Kenneth E Cohn, founder of Second Wind. Cohn discusses issues of the environment & the economy, and how they are viewed by the various presidential candidates. Cohn also presents relevant data from Greenpeace, WorldWatch Institute & other environmental groups. 7:30 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 229.

BABN Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network Forum meets 7:30-9:30 pm in the Kincaid Room, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Topic: Alliance Building with the Lesbian/Gay Community. Call 564-BABN to confirm.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at the MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Butch/Femme. What are you, what does it mean, what does it matter—discussion led by Debby. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

Tim Miller in "My Queer Body," at Josie's Cabaret. Miller, Santa Monica-based performance artist, presents his new piece at Josie's Cabaret for two weeks. Exploring the stories his body has to tell, Miller weaves a journey from swimming upstream at conception to the first kiss to ecstatic visions of homo sex. Miller is a self-described "slutty queer point of light." Show runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 5/21-24, and Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 5/27-31. $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Mother-to-Be: *A Guide to Pregnancy & Birth for Women with Disabilities:* Authors and activists Judi Rogers & Molleen Matsumura discuss their new book which provides support, validation & affirmation for disabled women's reproductive capacity & parenting choices. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefit Women's Voices, no one turned away for lack of funds. At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

ODC/San Francisco open their Bay Area season of dance at SF's Herbst Theatre, 8:30 pm tonight thru 5/23, 3 & 7:30 pm on 5/24. Program features world premiere of "The Eye Has a Tendency to Choose," a new work choreographed by Brenda Way & KT Nelson. Also repeat performances of 3 recent popular works from ODC's repertory—Way's "Loose the Thread" and "Force of Circumstance," plus a newly re-vamped production of her "Still Krazy/Kat." Tix $22 & $16. Info/res: 392-4400 or BASS/Ticketmaster.

Come Wild at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 9:30 pm. Info: 621-5877.

MAY 22 / FRI

Police Commission hearing on the charges against 3 officers in the beating of 2 gay men on Castro Street on October 6, 1989. 9 am at the Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St btwn 6th & 7th, SF. 5th floor (serviced by Muni bus 42). Open to the public. Call the Police Commission 553-1667 to confirm date & time.

Surviving the Loss of a Relationship: A Wkshop for Lesbians. 6-9 pm, $45. Eastbay locaton. Info/reg: Carolyn S Stroebe, PhD (510) 843-9207.

Tim Miller in "My Queer Body," at Josie's Cabaret. Santa Monica-based performance artist presents the SF premiere of his new piece, "My Queer Body." Miller explores the stories his body has to tell, weaving a journey from swimming upstream at conception to the first kiss to ecstatic visions of homo sex. Plays Thurs-Sun 5/21-24 at 8 pm, Wed-Sun 5/27-31 15 8 pm. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Book Release Party & Performance for performance artist/writer Rachel Kaplan's first book, *The Probable Site of the Garden of Eden*, published by Abundant Fuck Publications. 8 pm, $3 at door (free with book purchase). 848 Divisadero St at McAllister, SF. Info: 826-4821.

Mary Ann Vorasky in concert at Mama Bears, wtih Elizabeth Le Guin. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

"Women Are Hungry," Broadside release & spoken word performances by Dominique Lowell and Wendy O-Matic. 9 pm, $5. Show World, 647 Valencia St, SF (above Elbo Room). Part of the Spoken Word Savages series. Info: 558-8112.

"Squirm," a spoken word performance by Lisa Radon & Cary Tennis at Show World, 647 Valencia St, SF (Above Elbo Room). Part of the Spoken Word Savages series. 9 pm, $5. Info: 558-8112.

Come Wild at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 9:30 pm. Info: 621-5877.

Comedy for the Vertically-Challenged. 3 short women. 3 short sets—Lisa Geduldig, Karla Carmody & Andrea Leigh team up for an eve of tall tales & long laughs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 23 / SAT

Donate Your Video Tapes: Patients on the Hospice Care Unit of the Garden Sullivan campus of Calif Pacific Medical Center need pre-recorded video tapes to help pass the time during their hospital stay. For donations or more info call Dick Olsen 584-1034.

Sports Festival 1992: Today thru 3/25, hosted by Team San Francisco. Bay Area Boxing Club, Bay Area Distance Runners, Bay Area Racquetball, Castro Volleyball, Golden Gate Wrestling, HiMA (Homosexuals in Martial Arts) and other clubs will be participating in this festival (other sporting events surrounding the Fest include the Gay Softball League's Golden Bear Classic, call Wendy (510) 436-7959, & the Gay Tennis Federation's US Gay Open, call Gregg 334-7045). Fest Schedule—5/23: Boxing, 2-3 pm; martial arts, noon-4 pm, wrestling, noon-4 pm; Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, 100 Collingwood St, SF; $5. 5/23-24: 2nd Annual Bay Area Memorial Day Wkend Racquetball Tournament at Shcoeber's Athletic Club, South SF; call Wref Fulton 626-7758 for info. Volleyball Tournament at Hamilton School, Geary & Steiner, SF; 9 am-6 pm; call Tony Travers 255-1332 for info. 5/24: Bay Area Distance Runners Half Marathon, starts at Olive Oils, Pier 50, SF; call Dave Studach 626-1380 for info. Wkend ends with a Victory Dance on Sun 5/24, 6-10 pm at the Pleasuredome, 174 King St, SF. Tix $7 ($1 goes to the Team SF, $1 to the Gay Tennis Federation). For gen'l info: Gene Dermody 821-2991.

CUAV Speakers Bureau seeks gay men & lesbians to go into SF schools & other civic organizations to answer questions and "demystify homosexuality," helping to decrease the incidence of hate crimes directed against our community, and providing positive role models for our youth. Young people (25 & under), people of color & women are especially welcome. For info call Toby at Community United Against Violence 864-3112 today.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From UC Berkeley campus take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N. Canyon Rd & continue uphill past tennis courts, botanical gardens, & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg parking lot. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Turn your carrot peels into gold... composting workshop spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners) teaches you how to turn yard & kitchen wastes into an excellent fertilizer for gardens & house plants. 10 am-noon at Garden for the Environment, Lawton St & 7th Ave, SF. Info/res: 468-0262.

The 12 Mirrors: A Wkshop with Tony Robichaud. Learn about the 12 Steps as an ancient & universal teaching, and their correspondence to the Native American medicine wheel. Noon-2 pm, $10. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Beer Bust at New Eagle Creek Saloon: 2-7 pm, all the beer you can drink for $5, plus hot dj dance rhythms. Come party! 1884 Market St at Laguna, SF. Info: 863-3323.

Potluck Dinner & Movie Night with Girth & Mirth Club of SF: Free if you bring a dish, $7 if you don't. 176-B Page St, SF. 7 pm. Call 824-0260 for other info.

Chris Macort in Concert at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 563-9046. Seating limited.

Tim Miller in "My Queer Body," at Josie's, see 5/21.

Silvia Kohan & Tracy Stark in concert at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Other Cinema Series at ATA Gallery marks the 50th anniversary of the US internment of Japanese Americans with Rea Tajiri's *History & Memory*, a video work which interrupts the official chronology with family reminiscenes in an attempt to reclaim the past from totalizing ideologies. Also see Roddy Bogawa's *Some Divine Wind*, the story of an American airman's awful secret & its later effect on his mixed-race child: he dropped the bombs on an enemy village that killed the family of his future Japanese wife. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Rabbit Choir, Genuine Diamelles* and *Pimpslap. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.*

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Tom Ammiano, Marilyn Pittman & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 24 / SUN

Garage Sale! Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance: 8 am-4 pm in the parking area of Church Street Station Restaurant (Church St at Market, SF). Come browse thru the books, clothes, art items & bric-a-brac. Go home with some real bargains. Don't miss!

Sports Festival 1992, spons by Team San Francisco, continues, see 5/23 listing for details.

Queer Unity Carnaval: A celebration of the rich diversity of queer groups in the Bay Area. Come march! Dress festive, bring musical instruments. Meet 10 am at J&B Market, 25th St at Bryant, SF.

Wimmin's Wild Peace Celebration: 2nd Annual Wimmin's Memorial Day Wkend Celebration at Angel Island: Ridge campsites, potluck picnic, workshops. Noon. Come for the day ($5) or camp out ($10 per night, $30 all wkend). Come celebrate the transformation of a former military base into a scenic, wild, quiet state park, honor the achievements of our feminist foremothers, and envision the next wave of wimmin's activism. Event includes camping, biking, hiking & ritual. Spons by Lesbian Uprising! Info/reg: 431-7329.

International Rap Festival for Jsutice: Noon-6 pm at Martin Luther King Civic Center (Provo) Park, Center Street & MLK Way, Berkeley: A free multicultural rap show spons by Earth Action Network & Dr D Productions. Goal: To bring people & organizations together under a banner of cultural diversity & social/politcal unity, to create social, political, economic & environmental justice. Performers include: 2 Bigg MC & Lone Mixer, MCJ, Tone Legend, XII Gauge, Black Dynasty, Left Side Sounds, No Play, MCD, EBH, Suzzette Kiyoie, Fob Mob, Mod Squad & African Identity.

Golden Gate Connection, social club for heavyset men & their admirers, celebrates its 3rd anniversary with a champagne & buffet brunch at Trixies Restaurant & Piano Bar, 2007 16th St nr Potrero, SF. 1:30-4 pm, $18. Info/res: Bobbie (415) 871-7870 or Arlen (510) 233-6503.

ATA Cinema "Up & Outta Bed" Movie Series continues with World War II movies: Spend a lazy Sun afternoon of movies, popcorn, donuts & coffee. Choose from: *Bridge Over the River Kwai, Patton* and *Tora! Tora! Tora!* 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Free. Info: 824-3890.

Bookparty at Mama Bears: Dorothy Allison celebrates publication of her new book, *Bastard Out of Carolina*, with a reading/discussion. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Salsa/Samba Garden Party at El Rio: Cuban rhythms with *Cubanacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

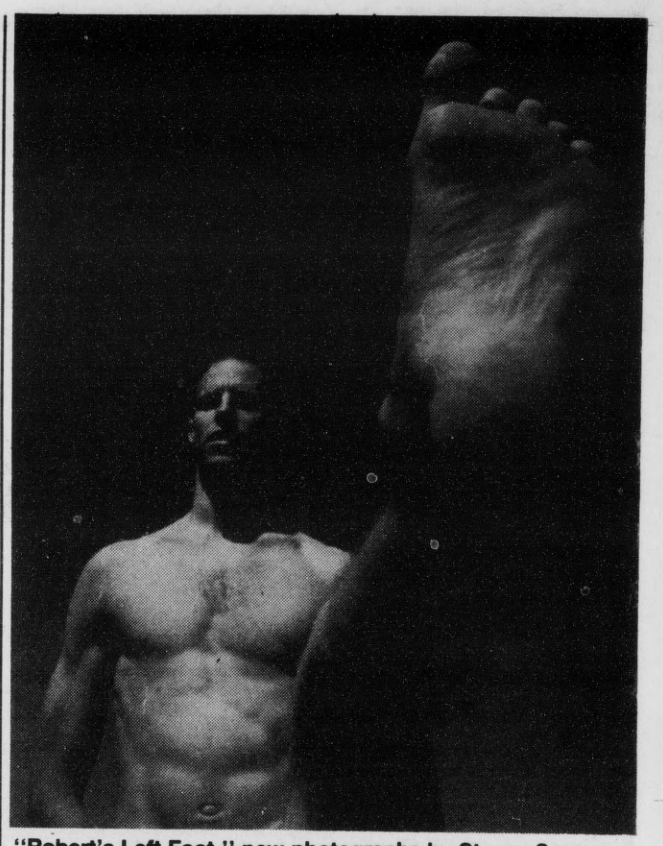
Comic Kate Clinton at Luther Burbank Center: Night of fast-paced, cutting-edge comedy & satire, don't miss! 7 pm, $15 & $12. Co-spons by Luther Burbank Center & ClaireLight Women's Books; call ClareLight for details: (707) 575-8879.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Poet Thom Gunn reads from his book, *Man with Night Sweats*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Tim Miller in "My Queer Body" at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/21.

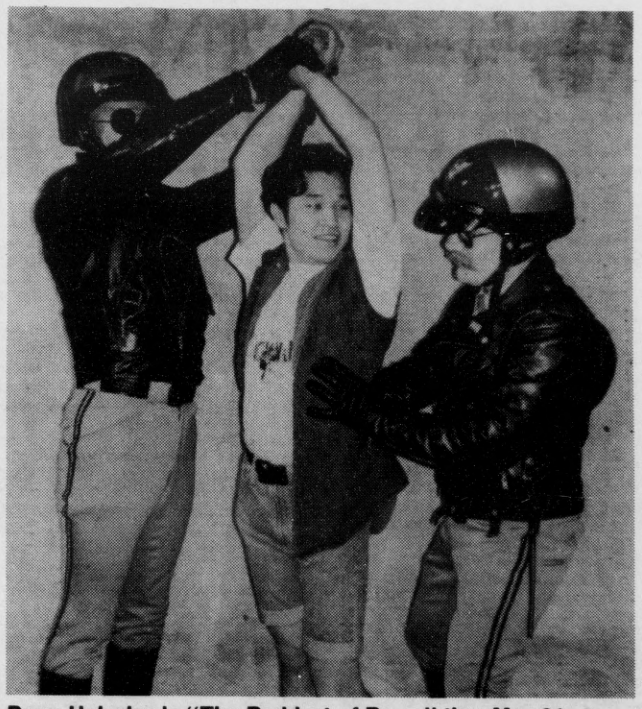
MAY 25 / MON

The Mint's Great Tricycle Race & Bathing Beauty Contest: 21st annual event spons by the Castro Lions Club. Noon-5 pm at 1942 Market St, SF. Costume judging at noon, race begins at 1 pm. Cash prizes ($300, $200, $100 for race, $100, $75 & $50 for costume/decor). Theme: Hippies & Yippies. Net proceeds benefit the AIDS



"Robert's Left Foot," new photographs by Steven Savage, at Josie's June 1-30.

Julie Butler's screening of "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls," part of Out in the Park, Out in the Dark, May 25.



Doug Holsclaw's "The Baddest of Boys," thru May 31 at Fort Mason's Cowell Theatre. Onstage has details.

Emergency Fund. Info: 905-4667.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.
WHAM!/Bay Area (Women's Health Action & Mobilization) meets 7 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th. All women who believe health care is political are welcome. Info: 985-7141 ext 85.
Out in the Park, Out in the Dark: An outdoor screening of gay & lesbian films, spons by Frameline & SF Cinematheque. Grab a blanket & come out for a gala outdoor screening of gay & lesbian films at Washington Square Park in SF's North Beach. 8:30 pm. Lively array of short films by acclaimed filmmakers Gus Van Sant, Jan Oxenberg, Kenneth Anger, Michael Walin, Aarin Burch, David Weissman, and others. This event marks the public launching of Frameline's 16th Annual SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Info: Cinematheque 558-8129 or Frameline 861-5245.
Tonight at El Rio: FISH Sketch Comedy Theater with Ron Lynch, Barry Lank & Jim Earl, Carrie Collier, Andrea Lee, Don Perazzo, Bill Burnat, Tim Ostrander, Ebby Parker & Gary Hobish. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 26 / T U E

Wildwood Getaway for People with HIV/AIDS. Thru 5/31. Lots of relaxation & fun in the sun at Wildwood Resort in the Sonoma County mountains, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. For info/reg call Richard Chavez 777-2273.
"When A Wife Says No, Is It Rape?" Laura X, director of the National Clearinghouse on Marital & Date Rape in Berkeley, discusses the issues surrounding spousal rape & the state legislative battle to change rape laws that exempt husbands from prosecution. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: Tamera White 476-5223.
"Taking Control of Your Finances: Hidden Money," lecture by Leona Lau, a certified financial planner specializing in consumer financial planning. Learn how you can find money to save, no matter what your income is. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Info: 476-0400.
Shanti Project Board of Directors monthly mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Public welcome. Info: Craig Barnard 777-2273.
"How Out Are You?" Lesbian Uprising! political group discusses the politics of coming out to yourself, friends, family & the world. Get ready for the Parade by sharing your feelings on this matter. 7 pm. For location & other info call 621-0790.
"Joseph Campbell on the Tarot," free talk by Cheryl Skinner at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Joan Nestle, author of *Restricted Country* and a founder of New York's Lesbian Herstory Archives gives a rare Bay Area appearance in celebration of her recently edited anthology *The Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader*, which features a wide array of authors including Dorothy Allison, Cherrie Moraga, Radclyffe Hall, Lyndall McGowan, Pat Califia & Amber Hollibaugh. Co-spons by the Gay/Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Calif. 7:30 pm, $5. Info: 282-9246. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Radical Women Respond to the Backlash: Tonight's RW mtg features a review & discussion of Susan Faludi's bestseller, *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against Women*. Longtime feminist activist Nellie Wong discusses why feminism has wrongly been blamed for women's ills & how to build a movement to counter the backlash. Dinner at 6:45 pm ($5 donation), mtg starts at 7:30 pm. 523-A Valencia (nr 16th), SF. Info: 864-1278.
Why We Fight, Frank Capra's WWII propaganda film series, continues at Artists Television Access (ATA) with *Divide & Conquer*, the 3rd film in the series, a documentation of the continuing conquest of Europe by Hitler, with special emphasis on the "fifth column" of collaborators. Includes Warner's animated *Fifth Column Mouse*. 8:30 pm, $3. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

MAY 27 / W E D

Older Lesbians Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Support Group) meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like.
Poet Under Saturn: An Evening with Paul Verlaine, written by & starring Phil Lumsden. 20 Dunstan Terrace airs the original EXITheatre production on the life of the tormented French poet. Final installation of a 3-part series. 4:30 pm on SF cable channel 25. Info: 775-5072.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.
Bi-Friendly UC meets for support/social at 6:30 pm. All members of the UC Berkeley & UCSF communities & friends are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
At Gaia Bookstore: Marsha Sinetar discusses her book, *A Way Without Words: A Guide for Spiritually Emerging Adults*. 7 pm, $3. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.
Rev Jane Spahr speaks on "Opening the Church Doors to Let in More Light: Lesbians, Gay Men & the Church," at a benefit reception for the United Campus Christian Ministry at SF State University. 7 pm at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd, SF. Spahr is an out lesbian whose call to the ministry of a Presbyterian Church in NY is being challenged by church authorities. $10 gen'l, $5 students & unemployed, a freewill offering will be taken for Rev Spahr's legal defense fees. Info: Rev Karen Oliveto 333-4920.
Bookparty for *Visionary Voices: Women on Power, Conversations with Shamans, Activists, Teachers, Artists & Healers*, by Penny Rosenwasser. Contributors Lakota Harden, Bernice Lee, Ying Lee-Kelley, Barbara Lubin, Papusa Molina, Vicki Noble, Fran Peavey, Maudelle Shirek & Vivienne Verdon-Roe read from their interviews. 7 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3843 18th St, SF. Food & prizes included. Wheelchair Accessible.
Screenwriter/novelist Richard Price (*Sea of Love, The Color of Money*) reads from his new novel, *Clockers*, a "searingly authentic" novel of American inner-city drug wars. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
"Psychosynthesis: A Spiritual Psychology," a lecture/demo with Susanne West, MA. Presents the principles & practices of Psychosynthesis, a psycholgical model designed to facilitate spiritual development. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Nancy Scheper-Hughes reads from her new book, *Death Without Weeping: The Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil*, a compassionate look at the effects of grinding poverty in Brazilian favelas. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At Thunderbay Nightclub: *Fieldtrip* & guests. 8 pm, $4. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
Elana Dykewomon reads from her classic lesbian novel, *Riverfinger Woman*, just reissued by Naiad Press. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefits Women's Voices, no one turned away for lack of funds. Old Wives Tales' Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675. Women only, please.
Elana Dykewomon in a prose/poetry performance in celebration of the new edition of her 1974 classic, *Riverfinger Women*. Hear old favorites & new works in progress. 8 pm, $3-10. Women only. No one turned away for lack of funds. Please wear no scents or perfumes. Wheelchair Access. Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF.
Johnny D presents "Collar Me Blue: Working Class Love Songs for a Queer Nation," a unique blend of lively narrative, historic folk songs & pop tunes, a Queer Folk event presented in honor of Int'l Workers Month. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
DJ Dance at El Rio: Funk, soul & hip hop with dj Peggy Key. 9:30 pm-1:30 am, $2 cover. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
The VIP Band: R&B, jazz & pop at New Eagle Creek Saloon, every Wednesday night. Open Mike section in the 2nd set. Sign up in adv with Rodney Barnette & play with the band! 8-11 pm, no cover. 1884 Market St at Laguna, SF. Info: 863-3323.
At Faster Pussycat! The Club—Gemini Party with Danielle Hell Willis & guest dj Don Baird at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

MAY 28 / T H U

MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence), a community-based SF nonprofit working with men to end domestic violence against women & domestic violence in gay relationships, spons their semi-annual volunteer training beginning today. Men who participate are eligible to become involved in MOVE's counseling & community education work addressing male violence. MOVE makes connections between male violence in the home and the more institutional expressions of dominance & control, such as racism, sexism, homophobia & classism. Info: MOVE 777-4496.
Survivors: *40 Years After Hiroshima*—video & discussion, in celebration of Asian Pacific American Cultural Awareness Week. *Survivors* is the first English language film in which Hiroshima & Nagasaki survivors speak for themselves about their experiences, fear & trauma. Film followed by discussion with its producer, Frances Politeo. Noon-1 pm, Free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF.
Big Book Sale at Ft Mason Ctr: 28th Annual Book Sale spons by Friends of the SF Public Library. Thru 3/31. Sale beings with today's opening sale & silent auction, 4-7 pm, $15; and continues 10 am-5 pm on Fri & Sat, 5/29 & 30; and 10 am-3 pm on Sun 5/31. All books are half price. Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason, SF. Info: 557-4257.
Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group spons by Spectrum meets tonight. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time. Call 457-1115 for more info or call 457-3523 & leave a message for Rainbow's End.
At Gaia Bookstore: *The Natural House Book: Natural Architecture & Gaian Environments* David Pearson in a lecture/discussion using slideshows taken from his book. 7 pm, $6 in advance, $8 at door. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.
Peru Film & Video Fest at Artists Television Access (ATA): 7 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890. Night of movies, live performance, food and drink.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Election Update. Discuss the candidates & the issues. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.
Bay Area Novelist Terry McMillan (*Mama, Disappearing Acts, Breaking Ice: An Anthology of Contemporary African American Fiction*) reads from her new novel, *Waiting to Exhale*. A well-written, truthful & funny story about the lives of four African American women & the volatile world of Black female-male relationships. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

MAY 29 / F R I

Wkend Retreat with the Healing Circle: Enjoy a wkend of community-building, inner-healing, heart-opening and fun in the rolling hills of Northern Calif. Swimming, hot tub, sun, the works... Thru 5/31. Call Gregg 863-2334 for reg/info.
Gay/Lesbian Scuba Class: Intro to open water scuba diving at Bamboo Reef Diving Center, taught by Lori Katz, dyke diving diva. Two wkends, beginning tonight, $149. Great opportunity, don't miss! Info: Lori (408) 458-1486 or Bamboo Reef (415) 362-6694.
Young Women of Color Support Group: For lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under, hosts a party tonight—celebration of the group's beginning. All young lesbian, bisexual or questioning women of color are welcome! 6-8 pm. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services and LYRIC. Info: LYRIC 252-6059 or LYFE 565-7681.
Celebrate Harvey Milk's 62nd Birthday Party with "A Celebration of Community Activism," event spons by the Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club. Guest speaker: Barbara Boxer. No-host cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Tix $50 per person, $500 per table of ten. At Delancey Street Foundation, 600 Embarcadero St, SF. Info: 664-5920. Dinner catered by Project Open Hand.
"Under the Influence: Lesbian & Gay Writers Read the Writers Who Inspired Them," new reading series spons by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society debuts tonight at New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Dorothy Allison (*Trash, The Women Who Hate Me, Bastard Out of Carolina*) reads from the stories of Flannery O'Connor & the poetry of Muriel Rukeyser. Bo Huston (*Horse & Other Stories, Remember Me*) reads from the writings of Carson McCllullers & Truman Capote. 8 pm, $7. Adv tix at A Diffferent Light, City Lights & Modern Times bookstores in SF & Cody's Books in Berkeley.
Int'l Video Night at ATA: Artists Television Access screens works from A Bao A Qou, a Paris video collective, including Volker Schreiner's *Open Up* and Pete Oeschlin's *Adapter*. Plus videos from Spain, Poland & France. Curated by Gamalla. 8 pm, $4. 992 Valencia St, SF.
Midlife Crisis: Singer/songwriters Cynthia McQuillan & Dr Jane Robinson present a night of beautiful folk-style ballads & off-the-wall humorous songs at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Club nZinga: World Beat dance party at El Rio. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Diazepam Nights at Klubstitute: 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. Don't miss!

MAY 30 / S A T

Donate Your Video Tapes to AIDS Hospice patients, see 5/23 listing for details.
Women's Pt Reyes Wkend: Today & tmw, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Call Pat 626-7000 for details.
Sequoia-Bayview Trail/Joaquin Miller Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller/Lincoln Ave Exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Skyline Blvd, continue .4 miles to trailhead on left. Turn left onto Skyline Blvd, continue .4 miles to trailhead on left. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Remodeling Your Home: Wkshop spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Instructors go thru worksheets to help you plan a project, develop a budget, and deal with building regulations & permits. Topics include when to do your own work, when to call in a contractor, how to select a contractor, and how to deal with bidding. Workshop conducted by Women Empowering Women, an organization started by women in the trades to teach other women in a safe & supportive environment. 10 am-4 pm, $35-55 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Prereg required, call 476-5836 for info/reg.
Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for women new to woman-loving identity: Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss lesbian sexuality, work on sexual identity issues; learn more about lesbian culture, community, oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $35-50 SL. Info: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.
Potluck BBQ & leisurely walk to welcome new & prospective members to Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Noon, Lindley Meadow nr 30th Ave, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 552-2916.
Intro to S/M Part I: Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Led by Sybil Holiday & William Henkin. Topics: Defining & demystifying the language of s/m, consensuality, limits & negotiations. $25/day or $40 for today & tmw. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-5:30 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.
How to Garden Without Spending Money: A class with Chris Clarke, resident anti-materialist gardener at the Ecology Center. Covers the basics of how to get plants, seeds & soil amendments for free (legally). 12:30-2:30 pm, $5. SL fee available, no one turned away for lack of funds. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-2220.
SF/Northbay March on Washington For Lesbian/Bay/Bisexual Equal Rights & Liberation: Regional planning committee meeting. Topic: Report back from the national meeting. 1-5 pm at New College, 766 Valencia St, SF.
Bi-Friendly Theatre Outing: See Kate Bornstein's "The Opposite Sex is Neither" at the Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia at 20th, SF. Meet for no-reservations dinner at Cafe Beano at 6:30 pm, play begins at 8. Tix $10. Info/res: John 775-5697. Please call to confirm the date on this event.
Frameline Sneak Preview of SF Lesbian/Gay Int'l Film Festival Shorts, part of Frameline's Out on Saturday film screening series. Emphasis on local filmmakers. Work screened includes extracts from *Caught Looking*, a subversive comedy about gay men's sex lives, *(In)Visible Women*, a powerful portrait of HIV-positive Latina women, *Tell Me Why (The Epistemology of Disco)*, a witty analysis of gay music & dress codes, *Splash*, a short about juggling race & gender & *Twin Bracelets*, a lesbian love story from Hong Kong. Also silent comedy spoof *Fingered*, with Justin Bond & Elvis Herselvis, *Two-Spirit People*, an exploration of the Native American berdache tradition, and *A Goat Named Tension*, a linguistic lesbian comedy by Kate Goodnight. Free. Seating limited, first-come, first-served. Doors open at 7 pm, screening at 7:30. Eye Gallery, SF. Info: Frameline 861-5245.
True Crime Trading Cards Party at Dark Carnival Bookstore: They're finally out—the infamous trading cards depicting 110 serial killers, g-men, mass-murderers & gangsters, everyone from Bonnie & Clyde to J Edgar Hoover to Ted Bundy, Albert Fish & Jeffrey

Parents & Kids Box

Considering Parenthood Wkshops offered by the Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 5/28—**Getting Pregnant:** Wkshop includes presentation by Sherron Mills, NP of Pacific Reproductive Services, discussing choosing sperm donors or fathers, using sperm banks, insemination, medical screening, infertility concerns, etc. Also co-parent & father's perspectives. 6/4—**Adoption Wkshop**: Steven Fritsch Rudser discusses the options & realities of adoption for lesbian & gay men; personal, practical & ethical perspectives on adoption. 6/11—**Choices in Pregnancy & Birth**: Presentation by Patricia Robinson, MD, on choosing a midwife, physician or practice, hospital alternatives & home birth, prenatal care & childbirth education. 6/17—**Lesbians & Gay Men Parenting Together:** Panel presentation on how to create family—find people to parent with, take care of the legal, emotional & practical considerations. All workshops are held 7-9 pm at 1748 Market St, SF, Ste 201. $10 suggested ($7-15 SL fee). Pre-registration suggested, call 565-7674.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Family Day Pinic in Celebration of Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week, 6/27, 11 am-2 pm at Douglass Park in SF, corner of Douglass & Clipper. Bring food for your family & a dish to share. Call 457-1115 for more info.
Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already raising children? Is this *not* your lifestyle choice? Come meet others for discussion, mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.
"Who Says I'm Not A Mom?" Liz Hendrickson of the National Center for Lesbian Rights discusses the NCLR's increasing involvement in intra-community conflicts involving custody & property issues; and the struggle of lesbians & gay men to get legal recognition of their parenting & their families. 6/23, noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. UCSF, HSW 301, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
For Kids at La Pena: Saturday morning programs presented by Amiguitos de la Pena. 5/30: Storyteller Belinda Sullivan, musician Nancy Raven. 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Direct from Nicaragua! Special Sun afternoon concert for kids with *Soul Vibrations*. Nicaragua's foremost reggae band perform Nina Serrano's *The Story of the Chicken Made of Rags*. 5/31, 3 pm; $5 adults, $3 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Children's Storytime at Book Passage: For kids ages 4-7. Anita Jones tells wonderful tales from many lands. Every Sun, 11 am-noon. 6/7: Dragonfest—bring your best dragon picture, drawing or book to share as Anita tells her favorite dragon stories. 6/21: "We Love Dad," A Father's Day program of stories & poems that honor fathers. 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera. Info: 927-0960.
For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation; lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

Redwood Records' Soul Vibrations.

Dahmer. Swap cards with true crime buffs in an enormous game of gangster/sociopath rummy with the card creators: editor Valarie Jones, writer Peggy Collier, artist Jon Bright, Eclipse publishers Cat Yronwode & Dean Mullaney, plus exotic reptiles from the East Bay Vivarium & local icons of pop culture. 7 pm, free. Dark Carnival Bookstore, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or (510) THE-DARK.

GALA SFJCC Fundraiser, "Crossing Delancy: Such An Evening You Won't Forget!" SF Jewish Community Center's 1992 Center Circle annual campaign gala honors Mimi Silbert, president and CEO of Delancey Street Foundation. An eve of hilarity, music, dancing & delicious food. Plus fabulous Vaudeville show with Yiddish music by *Klezmania*, dancing to the sounds of *Wall Street*, Jewish film shorts & more. 7 pm-midnight, $125 per person. Proceeds benefit SFJCC's afterschool daycare scholarship fund, the Russian emigre programs, nursery school scholarships and more. Info: Frankie Whitman 346-6040 ext 214.

Robust & Rowdy on Parade! Dance for fat women & their women friends, proceeds benefit the Fat Dykes Float (pun intended) in June's Gay Day Parade. 7:30-12:30 pm at the Oakland Jewish Community Ctr, 3245 Sheffield Ave, Oakl. $8-12, no one turned away for lack of funds. Wheelchair Accessible. Childcare available with one week's notice. Call (510) 658-3300 for info, including El accessibility.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya present a concert of Balinese music & dance at Marin Center's Showcase Theater, Ave of the Flags, Marin Civic Center, San Rafael. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info: 472-3500.

Over Our Heads: Night of fine comedy improv & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marian Damon. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At The I-Beam: *The Mo'Fessionals* plus special guests. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006 or 668-6023.

Other Cinema Series at ATA Gallery: Night of new experimental works showcasing the latest developments on the local media arts scene. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Overwhelming Colorfast, Hockaloogie* and *Sideways*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 31 / SUN

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on display at De Anza College's main gymnasium today thru 6/2. The handmade panels covering the walls, ceiling & floor of the gym commemorate the lives of men, women & children who have died of AIDS. Formal opening ceremonies feature Cupertino resident Barbara Wells, who presents a Quilt panel in memory of her son, Ken. Exhibit hours: 8 am-4 pm today, 8 am-9 pm on 6/1, 8 am-7 pm, 6/2. Info: Mary Jo Kane (408) 864-8903.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans visit a bird sanctuary. Come view egrets & herons on the shore of Bolinas Lagoon. Info/sign up: 861-6591.

BACW/Sonoma Mtg: Join Bay Area Career Women for a potluck brunch in beautiful Sonoma. 11 am. Call Christine (707) 996-1550 for info/location.

Israel Independence Day Fair & Celebration (L'Chaim Y'rushalayim): Noon-5 pm in Sharon Meadows, Golden Gate Park, SF. Live music & entertainment hosted by Ronn Owens, KGO-AM. Israeli dancing, arts & crafts, children's activities, Middle Eastern & Jewish food prepared by noted Bay Area restaurateurs. "Jerusalem Market Basket" cooking competition & informational tables. Free. Info: 512-6203.

Into to S/M, Part II (see 5/30 for prerequisite class): Led by Sybil Holiday & William Henkin. Topic: Beginning to do s/m play. 12:30-5:30 pm in a private SF space. Call 550-7776.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers' Annual Spring Concert: 2 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2808 Lake Shore Ave, Oakl. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 srs & kids. $25 guarantor, $12.50 guarantor srs & kids. Info: (510) 887-4311.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

ATA Cinema: See *The Pittston Miners' Strike & Their Struggle* and *Rat Monday*, produced by the Labor Video Project. 4 pm, $2. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Miniature Golf & Pizza in Rohnert Park, with the Lesbian/Gay Social Group of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science. Call Cheryl (707) 584-8015 for info.

Jewish Tradition & the 12-Steps: AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous) meets for monthly discussion focused on exploring recovery in the context of Jewish perspectives. 6-7:30 pm, free. Info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240. 3200 California St, SF.

The Chocolate Factor (poets Avotcja & Wayne Corbitt, actor Lestor Jones, musician Peter Barclay & performer Madame X) in a benefit for Oakland's Center for AIDS Services. 7:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Come out for a potpourri of artistic talent highlighting the Black lesbian & gay experience.

JUNE 1 / MON

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on exhibit at De Anza College, see 5/31.

"Prisoners with AIDS Have the Right to Live: Unmask the California Death Camps," Join ACT Up in a demo targeting the Calif Dept of Corrections (CDC) in Sacramento. Demo (originally scheduled for May 4, but postponed because of political & logistic considerations related to the Rodney King verdict) to demand immediate & desperately needed improvements in the treatment of prisoners with HIV/AIDS. Meet 8:15 am in the Safeway parking lot, Church & Market, SF to carpool to Sacramento for 11 am demo at 10th St & Capitol Mall. For details contact Rob 550-8599.

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm tonight & 6/15 at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Get Ready for the Ritz! with BACW: Join Bay Area Career Women and polish your ballroom dancing skills. Waltz, foxtrot, Latin & swing dances taught in San Rafael by professional dance instructor. 4 Mon nights in June (6/1, 8, 15 & 22). 7-9 pm, $40. Reservations & adv payment required by 5/27. Info: Diane 492-9570.

Support Group for Bottoms, led by Carol Kleinmaier. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. The 1st of 4 Mon meetings of an intimate discussion group with a maximum of 10 participants. Both novices & experienced bottoms are welcome. Tonight's topic: Why bottom? What is so exciting about physical & emotional vulnerability? Time given for discussion of individual questions & concerns. $90 for all 4 mtgs. Doors open at 7:15 pm, group meets 7:30-9:45 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

William Kennedy, Pulitzer Prize-winning author (*Ironweed*) reads from his new novel, *Very Old Bones* at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7:30 pm, free. Info: 441-6670.

JUNE 2 / T U E

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on exhibit at De Anza College, final day! See 5/31 listing for details.

"The Spiritual Path: Getting Started," talk by Rev Edmond Boles, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Spectrum, Center for Lesbian Gay & Bisexual Concerns meets 7:30 pm at Marin Abused Women's Services, 1717 5th St, San Rafael. Topic: Women Political Prisoners in the US. Info: 457-1115.

At Thunderbay Nightclub: *Hypnolovewheel* and *Pillbox*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

"Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid." Hit musical returns to Josie's for final local engagement (play is now in Chicago, a long-running hit, with LA production scheduled for the fall). Play covers everything you think about in the 3 minutes before you receive your HIV test results. A joyous celebration of gay lives & loves. 8 pm, $10. Runs Tues nights thru June. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Why We Fight Series on war propaganda continues at Artists Television Access (ATA) with *The Battle of Britain*, the 4th film of Frank Capra's WWII inspirational series. 8:30 pm, $3. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

JUNE 3 / WED

Lunch Bunch Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Meeting for GLOE's frail, homebound members. Info: Ruth 626-7000.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 2:30 pm. Topic: "Where Do You Cruise?" Led by George Birimisa. Info: 626-7000.

Course in Miracles Group spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Ongoing study group promotes personal & spiritual growth. Today & 6/10, 17 & 24. 7-9 pm. Info: Sharon 453-9317.

Thordis Simonsen, an American woman who lives in Greece, reads from her book *Dancing Girl*, and presents a slide show on Greece at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7:30 pm, free. Info: 441-6670.

Michael Kearns in "Rock," at Josie's Cabaret. Openly gay, openly HIV-positive LA actor Michael Kearns performs the SF premiere of his new solo show about homophobia, artistic identity, show business & his own 1983 sexual encounter with Hollywood star Rock Hudson, who died of AIDS in 1985. The show is not about Hudson, however; it revolves around a series of frank, graphic impersonations, including Marilyn Monroe, a gossipy old queen and a gay kid from Arkansas, using Hudson's life & death as a framework for a fascinating blend of gossip, drama & autobiography. 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun, thru 6/21. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Faster Pussycat! Club features *Lovescar* with Slade, plus sword dancing by Simone. Benefit for Motorcycle Contingency. At the Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. For info call the Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

JUNE 4 / T H U

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Feminist witchcraft workshop led by Zsuzsanna Budapest, priestess, ritualist & author. Z enchants & entertains with moon stories from her latest book, *Grandmother Moon*, and offers a guided meditation & spell talk, with candle magic. 6 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for ages 14-23 meets tonight & 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time for everyone. Info/location: 457-1115 or leave message for Rainbow's End at 457-3523.

Community Forum: Understanding HIV-Related Laboratory Tests: Project Inform (PI) and Early Advocacy & Care for HIV (EACH) hold a community forum providing an overiew of the key laboratory & medical tests used to monitor immune health & diagnose opportunistic infections. 7-9 pm at Davies Medical Center Gazebo Room (first floor), Castro & Duboce, SF. Attendance limited to 50 people. Call Project Inform for info/res: 558-8669.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Lesbian Legal Issues. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

New Horizons Social/Support/Volunteer Group for young adults in their twenties meets tonight & 6/11 & 6/18. 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Topics: 6/4: Being Gay or Lesbian in the Workplace. 6/11: What We Bring to Relationships. 6/18: The Anxieties of Coming Out. Info: Jeff 457-3523.

Michael Kearns in "Rock," at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/3 listing for details.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author (*The Dream Book, Be Your Own Guru*), speaks on "Self Love: Key to Inner Harmony." 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

ON STAGE

Adam & The Experts by Victor Bumbalo. Scathingly funny comedy reopens at Theatre Rhino for a brief run. Fri and Sat at 8:30 pm on 5/22 & 23 Call 861-5079 for info/res.

The Baddest of Boys by Doug Holsclaw. Friends, employees & caregivers of Perry, the owner of a trendy SF eatery, vie for his attention (and hopefully ownership of his restaurant) as he lays dying. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, with extra 3 pm performance on 5/24. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix: $10-17. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Merchant of Venice by Shakespeare. Asian American Theater Co presents an all-Asian cast in this production of Shakespeare's classic tale of prejudice, mercy & forgiveness. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 5/24. Tix $8. Asian American Theatre, 403 Arguello Blvd at Geary, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Making A Name for Ourselves a new work by Actors Anonymous at Asian American Theater Center's Second Stage. An irreverent & frighteningly hilarious work designed to subvert the commonly accepted & endlessly perpetuated cultural "norms." Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, 5/28-6/21. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Anatomy of a Spring Roll by Paul Kwan and Arnold Iger. Play uses life-size puppets, elaborately masked & costumed performers, plus cinematic & photographic elements to explore food as a metaphor for cultural identity. Kwan seeks to reconcile & rediscover his cultural origins as a Vietnamese-born, ethnic Chinese, naturalized American citizen learning the secret of his mother's spring roll recipe. Produced by Persona Grata productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, 5/21-31. Tix $13-15. Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Tea, by Velina Hasu Houston. A penetrating, sometimes humorous, often painful exploration of the lives of five Japanese women who married American soldiers after WWII. These "war brides" are thrown together by tragic circumstances, and find the common bonds of their heritage while drinking tea. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 6/7. Tix $12 eve performances, $10 Sun matinees. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Info/res: 621-0507.

Tony 'N' Tina's Wedding, work by Artificial Intelligence Comedy Troupe. This critically acclaimed off-Broadway sensation is a piece of living theater in which members of the audience are enlisted as singing, dancing, drinking & eating wedding guests at this hilarious send-up of an Italian American wedding. The cast of 30 ranges from the wedding party to the caterer, waiters & staff, all enacting mini-dramas throughout the event, leaving the audience wondering who's acting and who isn't. Show opens 5/20 and runs open-ended Tues-Fri at 7:30 pm, Sat at 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 6:30 pm at First Congregational Church, Post & Mason, SF. Tix $30 previews, $45-55 regular performances (includes supper, champagne & cake at the reception). Info/res: (415) 392-4400 or BASS/Ticketmaster (510) 762-BASS.

Paper Flowers (Flores de Papel) by Chilean playwright Egon Wolff, translated into English by Margaret Sayers Peden. An unconventional love story. A street person intrudes into the quiet life of a lonely woman, turning upside down her middle class sensibilities. Global Local Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 5/21-23, 5/28-30 and 5/24 & 31. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: (415) 695-6970 or (510) 654-2352.

Kvetch by Steven Berkoff. Neurotically charged domestic comedy. Phoenix Theatre production. Play runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, $13, Sun at 7 pm, $10. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Hour of the Lynx by Per Olav Enquist. Drama explores the mind of an incarcerated young man who is the pawn between an institutional psychologist and a pastor. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, $12, with Sat matinees at 2 pm, $10; thru 6/20. North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery (3rd floor), 2801 Leavenworth, SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

Thicket by Susan Griffin, in collaboration with Ruth Zaporah. An intense & wrenching, sometimes comic monologue about the process of grief. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, thru 5/30, at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix: $12 regular (including Life on the Water performances). Info/res: Life on the Water 776-8999, Climate Theatre 626-9196.

Road to Nirvana by Arthur Kopit. A striking and at times chilling black comedy following three present-day movie industry hustlers ready to make any sacrifice to cut the ultimate deal & make their mark in Hollywood. Encore Theatre Co production. Play enjoyed a sold-out

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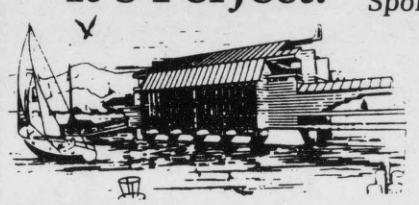

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The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. Berkeley Rep's production of the classic satire uses Wilde's seldom-seen original four-act version. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm thru 6/11. Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 5/21, 6/4 & 11. Tix $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun, $29 Fri & Sat, $21 matinees. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Good by CP Taylor. Academy Award-winning actor William Hurt portrays John Halder, a liberal professor of literature who undergoes a gradual, insidious descent from "good" man to SS officer; a man trapped in the nightmare of the Third Reich, all the while trusting in his own essential virtue. ACT production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm thru 6/6. Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm. The Halder role performed by Lawrence Hecht 5/28-31. Tix $10-26 wknights, $11-33 wkends. Info/res: 749-2ACT or 762-BASS. Stage Door Theater, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Musical stage spoof of the Bette Davis/Joan Crawford classic. Showcases a multitude of dead celebrities, living legends, lush costumes & more wigs than a Woolworth's' sale. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 5/31. Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576.

3 Solo Performance Works by playwright/producer John O'Keefe, presented by Actor's Theatre. See **Man in the Moon**, **The Promoter**, and **The Magician**. Performances Thurs & Sun at 8 pm, $10; Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12; thru 5/31. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 298-9179.

79th Mountain Play presents **Oklahoma!** by Rodgers & Hammerstein for its 79th season, which opens 5/24 & runs every Sun thru 6/28. All performances at 1 pm in Mt Tamalpais State Park in Marin County. Tix $15.50 gen'l, $10.50 youths & srs. Info/res: 383-1100.

I'm Not Perfect, monologist Ed Crasnic presents an emotional travelogue that explores the relationships between a mother & her son, a man and his girlfriend and the apparent dichotomy between a performer's persona & the man inside. Runs Thurs, Sat & Sun thru 5/31 at the SF Improv, 401 Mason St, SF. 7:30 pm Thurs, 7 pm on wkends. Tix $8. Info/res: 441-7808.

The Magical Adventures of Pretty Pearl by Kim Hines, adapted from the novel by Virginia Hamilton. Story of a child god who descends from Mt Kenya to live among a group of forest-dwelling ex-slaves in the post-Civil War American South. Oakland Ensemble production. Previews 5/27 & 28 at 8 pm; opens 5/29 at 8 pm, runs Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm; thru 6/21. Tix $23 opening night (includes reception), $13 previews, $18 orchestra, $15 Fri & Sat eve, $16 orchestra & $15 balcony matinees & Sun eves. Kids 5-12 $9, except opening night. $2 discount for srs & stdnts. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, downtown Oakland. Info: (510) 444-8575.

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Laura Sottile and David Dundara in "Tony N' Tina's Wedding," a theatrical phenomenon at First Congregational Church. See Onstage for info.

Musa, the Jew of Calcutta taken from William Shakespeare's Othello. Black Box Theatre production. In this interpretation, Othello is white & Jewish (converted to Islam). Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/30. Tix $10. Info/res: 673-3847.

Tulpa by Todd Alcott. NY playwright returns with a comically chilling foray into the world of Manhattan's Lower East Side, a cross between Pretty Baby & The Exorcist. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 6/7. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-ARTS.

Dear Master by Dorothy Bryant. Critics Circle Award-winner, a dramatic conversation (via letters) between George Sand & Gustave Flaubert. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 5/23. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 251-2006.

The Actors Theatre & HELF Group present 3 solo performance works by John O'Keefe: "Man in the Moon," "The Promotion," and "The Magician." Runs Thurs & Sun at 8 pm, $10; Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12; thru 5/31. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St (off Union Square), SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

cease, still i see, Theatre Artaud presents the debut of the Kumiko Kimoto Co performing the West Coast premiere of this dance theater work inspired by the title character of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, "The Little Mermaid," and Jean Genet's *Querelle*. Runs 5/28-29 & 5/31 at 8 pm. For tix & other info call BASS.

Bert's Big Bed by Edward Sparan. Produced by the Purple Arts Theatre Co in association with The PWA Theatre. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/31. Tix $10. The Next Stage Theatre, 1668 Gough St at Bush, SF. Info/res: 931-7837.

Otherwise Engaged by Simon Gray. Gray's funny, disturbing tale of a London publisher whose plans for a private, leisurely day are marred by a series of interruptions drawing him into a whirlpool of accusations, confusions & recriminations. Chamber Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 6/4-27. SOMAR Theater, 934 Brannan at 9th, SF. Info/res: 552-2131.

The Tower by Henry Steele. Part of "The Herodiadne" triology. Three-person play concerns what happens when Ariadne, weary of her lamentable plight, wills herself into another mythological dimension, the Judeo-Christian, and becomes Herodias, mother of Salome. Hangman Theatrics & Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 6/4-21. Tix $8-10. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

The Smell of Guilt by Lydia Lunch & Emilio Cubiero. Intense drama exposing the connections between religion, sex & violence in a frightening yet sometimes comedic form. Runs Sat & Sun, 5/23-24 & 5/30-31 at 8 pm. Info/res: 255-6856. New College Theater, 777 Valencia St, SF.

Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett. This African American interpretation of the Beckett classic about faith, fate & futility is reinterpreted with a Black cast. Production combines Godot's post-war themes with contemporary issues surrounding the African American community. Director Laurie Winestock, producer Ramon Calhoun. Opens 6/4, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Tix $10. The Exit Theater, 366 Eddy St, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.

Inanna, directed by Pauline Pfandler, with musical score by Paul Besing. Ancient Sumerian myth cast in a modern context. Drama of death, transformation & rebirth. Women's Theatre Co production. Opens 5/28, runs Thurs-Sat thru 6/27 at Five Corners Theatre, corner of English & Western, in Petaluma. For showtimes & other info call (707) 571-8704.

LOVE (sic) a multimedia theater piece created & performed by Deborah Slater, Helen Dannenberg & Joyce Cory. Three women in their forties look at sex, love & age with humor, compassion & intelligence. Previews 5/21-22, runs 5/21-24 & 5/28-31 at 8 pm. Tix $8-10. Studio 210, 3435 Army St at Valencia, SF. Info/res: 824-2464.

Vampire Exposed, a tribute to Anne Rice featuring The Children of The Damned in concert with Neodanze. Night of original music, choreography & drama unearthing the horror and erotica of Anne Rice. 9 pm, 5/29-30, 6/9, 16 & 23. On Broadway Theater, 3435 Broadway, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 398-1541.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey, stage adaptation by Dale Wasserman. Acclaimed comedy/drama, the story of Randle McMurphy, a state mental hospital inmate who inspires his fellow inmates to take power for themselves. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 5/29-6/20. Tix $10. Info/res: 921-2769.

Crossing the Broken Bridge by Naomi Newman & John O'Neal. Work-in-progress presented by A Traveling Jewish Theatre in association with Life on the Water. Play examines African American/Jewish relations. Discussion between the audience & the artists follows each production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 5/28-6/7 (no 8 pm show on 5/31). Life on the Water Theater, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

GALLERIES

Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance (GLAA) Spring Group Show: 20 artists in various media exhibit their work at the Bayfront Gallery, Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr (Marina Blvd & Buchanan), SF. Exhibit runs Wed & Thurs, 7-11 pm, Fri-Sun, 3-11 pm thru 6/27.

On Exhibit at the de Young: "A Collection Rediscovered: European Tapestries," thru 6/21. Photographs by Paul Strand on exhibit 6/13-8/16. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 863-3330.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Stuart Davis: American Painter," thru 6/7; "Angels: Bruce Conner, 1973-1975," 24 photograms from Conner's Angel series on exhibit thru 7/5. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," 5/14-8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Art Lick Gallery: New Paintings by Greg Wulf, on exhibit thru 5/24. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-40s Calif artist. 5/24-9/20. "Remembrance," mixed media installation by Lisa Kokin; recollection of the Holocaust. 5/24-7/12. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. 5/24-9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. 7/19-9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Emmet Gowin: Photographs," exhibit of over 120 photos on exhibit thru 7/12. "Fauna: Specious Origins," a photo-conceptual exhibit by Catalan artists Joan Fontcuberta & Pere Formiguera; thru 7/12. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, 6/3-9/6. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," 5/27-9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Stamp Art Gallery: "I Yam What I Yam," Popeye Retrospective. Exhibit features vintage Popeye rubber stamp sets manufactured by Superior Marking Co of Chicago in 1937, contemporary Popeye set on loan from the Rubber Stamp Museum, plus individual Popeye stamps from LA Stampworks, and other Popeye memorabilia. On exhibit thru 5/30. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of Erte's classic lithographs & serigraphs in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Thru 5/25. 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of original paintings, polymorphs, serigraphs & more by Yaacov Agam, int'lly acclaimed kinetic artist. Thru 6/7. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

Soft Touch Gallery: Prints & drawings by Sallie Moore, on exhibit thru 5/31. Works on paper by Suzy Sansom, on exhibit 6/4-30, artist's reception 6/5, 7-9 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

New Langton Arts: "Once Removed," works by Perry Bard, Sharon Garbe & Rita McBride, addressing issues of labor, economics & class, addressing the distinction between skilled production work & the fabrication of art. Exhibit runs 5/26-6/20, opening reception 5/20, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Dana Gallery: Group exhibit: Ink drawings by Pedro Jimenez, photos by Nina Glaser, paintings & sculpture by Lawrence Hacken, mixed media on canvas by Dan Samborski; on exhibit thru 6/8. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon, Fri & Sat; 11 am-5 pm Sun; and by apt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

KBBK Studios: "Mixing Memory & Desire," oil paintings & pastels by Jeffrey Welch, on exhibit thru 5/30. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

Vision Gallery: 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Pond Farm," pottery works by Marguerite Wildenhain, Gordon Herr, Jane Herr & Franz Wildenhain; on exhibit thru 6/28. "Julia Morgan: Architecture Rendered Beautiful," photos & original polychrome & black & white sketches of the architect's work, thru 6/28. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: Paintings by Philippine-born artist Manuel Ocampo in the Gallery 2, thru 6/21. "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. In Gallery 1, "Rubashov's House," a constructed reflection by Jill Lahn Stoner on the image of solitary confinement; thru 6/28. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center: "Five Solo Exhibits," works in various media by Christina Emmanuel, Sarah Grew,

Pamela Robinson, Matthew Thomas & Brian Tripp. 6/3-7/12, opening reception 6/3, 5-7 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: Filmworks by Wyn Geleynse, "ID," a video installation by Chris Robbins, on exhibit thru 6/6. Ara Diamond, Cathy Greenblatt, Jackie Orr & Chris Robbins, in "Panic, Inc," an exchange, with a performance by Jackie Orr, 5/26 at 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell; on exhibit thru 6/19. "Sight," exhibit of works by 5 artists (Chris Daubert, Tom Foolery, Peggy Ingalls, Bob Jones & Ingrid Muan) investigating the phenomena of visual perception. Thru 6/5. Related program: Gallery talk by the artists, 5/21 at 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: "In Fine Linen: the Art of Laurie Gross," retrospective of approx 100 of Gross' fiber sculptures, plus a new installation. On exhibit thru 6/14. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "Will Work for Food," mixed media installations by James Anderson. On exhibit 5/26-7/4, opening reception 5/29, 6-9 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "HomeFront: Comprehending a Common Language," group exhibit of works in various media by Jose Antonio Burciaga, Bernadette Cotter, Roshini Kempadoo, Bobby Neel Adams, Andre Kreft, Ann Meredith, Maria Porges, Charles Schmalz, Lorna Simpson, Diane Tani, Carrie Mae Weems & Rene Yung. Thru 6/13. 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: 431-6911. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat.

"Beyond the Volcanoes," the first comprehensive exhibit of contemporary Salvadoran artists in the US. Features 25 visual artists from El Salvador, presenting an overview of folkloric, primitive, expressionistic, conceptual & abstract paintings. Thru 5/30 at Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Hrs: 1-6 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-4 pm Sat. Info: 821-1155.

"Immediate," an exhibit of photography by Niall M Yoshizumi at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Thru 6/14. Info: 921-8383.

Recent Paintings by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, on exhibit thru 5/29. IIC Gallery, 425 Bush St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4:30 pm. Info/RSVP: 788-7142.

"Artworks from Third World America," on exhibit at La Pena Cultural Center, thru 6/19. Co-spons by Taller Sin Fronteras and Koncepts Cultural Gallery. Features 25 artists from the Bay Area & NYC. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 814-8054 or (510) 451-5231.

Max Laurie White: exhibit of monotypes & drawings at Hairy Bizness Salon/Gallery, thru 5/31. 867 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Info: 826-1291.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Hate Crimes," exhibit of series of large panel oil paintings by Gary Epting, depicting hatred & abuse in witnessed & reported events. 6/3-7/18. Artist's talk: 6/27 at 1 pm. 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Art Rock Gallery: "Bob Marley: An Exhibition," photos, artwork & graphics celebrating the life of Jamaican musician, prophet & visionary Bob Marley. 5/21-7/11. Opening reception 5/21, 6-9 pm. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm daily 1153 Mission St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

Undressing the Latin," photographs by Miguel Ronquillo. Thru 5/28 at Muchacha's, 4238 18th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 6-10 pm, Sun 11 am-2 pm. Info: 861-8234.

"Inner Passages to Flight," exhibit of recent linocut prints by Amana J Johnson at Brick Hut Cafe. Opening reception 5/23, 7-9 pm, exhibit runs thru 6/27. 3222 Adeline, Berkeley.

"Life As A Learning Journey," new work by Kent Alexander on exhibit thru 5/31 at Live Art Gallery, 151 Potrero Ave, SF. Info: 864-8394.

Joyce Cohen, MFA & retrospective exhibit of 17 years of work. Papermaking, fine letterpress printing & graphic design. Debut showing of "The Spirit & Craft of Chinese Ritual Papers," artist book of history & lore, with over 100 annotated examples of ritual papers. Opening reception 5/28, 5:30-8 pm, exhibit runs 5/26-6/5. 699 Gallery, Academy of Art College, 699 Sutter St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm. Info: 765-6006.

2nd Visual Artists Exhibit & Performing Arts Show of Latino/Latina Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Artists, 6/2-30 at the Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St near 24th, SF. A Mission District celebration of Gay Pride Month. Call 647-7655 for details.

New Photos by Stephen Savage on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret, 6/1-30. Artist's reception 6/14, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon]Fri, 9 am-6 pm on wkends. Info: 861-7933.

deFORMATION transFORMATION, a mixed media exhibit by Flo Wong & Hilda Shum at Capp Street Project. Thru 6/27. 270 14th St, SF. Info: 626-7747.

NY Artist Mel Chin creates a new work on racial violence. Physically & psychologically interactive installation, on exhibit thru 6/27. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-9991 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

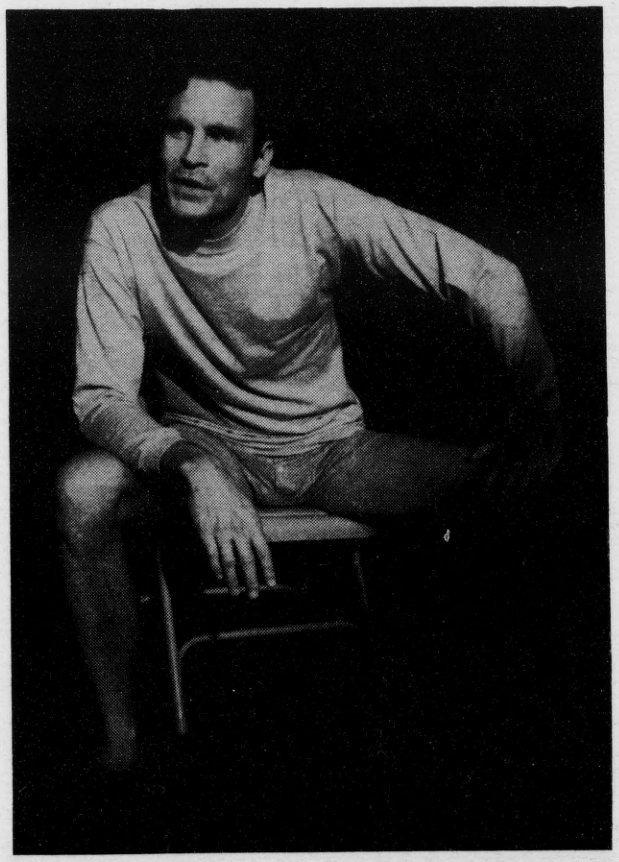
SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living



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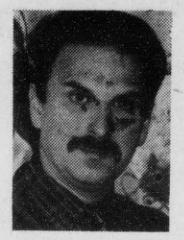

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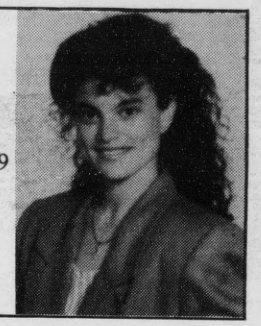

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SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for

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PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+

& for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meets the 2nd Sun of the month. For info/location call 863-8651.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Al-Anon ACA Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA): 12-Step group meets Sun at 6 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30 pm, then short social following mtg. Focus on any issues presented by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Call Colin (707) 823-2990 for info.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

SF State University Scholarships: Applications being accepted for the Markowski-Leach Scholarship for lesbians & gay men. Administered by SFSU, this scholarship established by two SF men who died of AIDS, James Leach & Thomas Markowski, awards $1,000-$2,500 per academic year to gay & lesbian persons attending SF State, UC Berkeley or Stanford as juniors, seniors or graduate students "deemed likely to make a substantial contribution to the society he or she is part of, thereby enhancing the greater society's perception of gay & lesbian people as well as the gay & lesbian community's self-esteem." For details call 338-2517. Deadline: 5/29.

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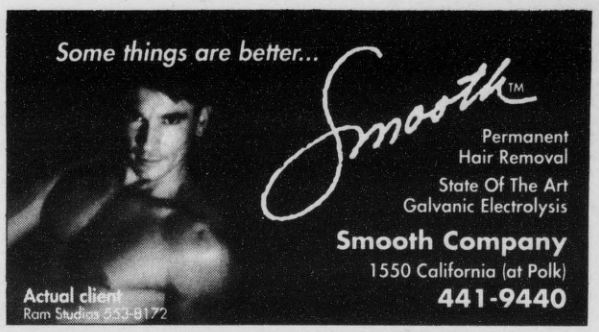

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others). Send news, cartoons, graphix, rants, handy tips, interviews, roundtable discussions & unusual poetry or fiction. Issue Deadline: 5/31. Contact: Brat Attack, POB 40754, SF CA 94141-0754.

Deaf Gay Community: Submissions sought for an anthology focusing on gay men & lesbians who are deaf. This will be the first book to focus on deaf lesbians & gays. Send submissions & inquiries with SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to Raymond Luczak, PO Box 1263, Cooper Station, NY NY 10276-1263. Deadline: 6/1.

15th Annual Mill Valley Film & Video Fest seeks submissions. Festival takes place Oct 1-11. Submission Deadline: June 30. For requirements & other info call 383-5256 or write MVFF, 38 Miller Ave, Ste 6, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Personal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.

Mark I Chester Folsom Gallery seeks proposals from lesbians, gay men & others for Chester's annual Folsom St Fair show. Work on sex, sexuality & eroticism sought, in a wide variety of media & styles. Approx 5-6 pieces may be submitted on slides. Contact Mark I Chester for full details: 544-1136 (leave message) or write PO Box 422501, SF 94142. Deadline: July 15th.

Naked Nude Group Art Show: Submissions sought (women & people of color especially encouraged) of artwork & artists working with the nude for a group art show where the art, artists & viewers will all be nude. Nude live performers (musicians, body painters, readers, etc) also sought for this 6/21 event. Call 544-1136 for details.

Erotic Lesbian Fiction: Alyson Publications seeks submissions for a new collecton of lesbian erotica. Submissions should be typed, double-spaced and include SASE. No poetry, no s/m. Send to Karen Barber, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118. Deadline: 7/15.

African American Gay & Lesbian Conference Committee seeks submissions for several events related to the Oct '92 conference: Poster design contest, entry fee $10, cash prize $50. Flag design contest, entry fee $10, prize $200. Essay contest, "Why An African American Gay & Lesbian Flag Should Fly Over the United States," entry fee $10, $100, $50 & $25 cash prizes. Entry deadline: 7/31. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

Women With Cancer/AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology that will honor our present lives, and the lives of those who have died. Your own experiences (and also those of friends, family & support workers) are welcome. 250 words or less. Photos, art work and/or tapes accepted. Send submissions (SASE if you want material returned) to On Our Rag Collective, 3543 18 St, SF, Box 21, SF 94110. Please include address or phone number where you can be reached. Info: 863-2960. Deadline: Aug 1.

SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multidisciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. Mark I. Chester, an artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Genders Anonymous: RAM Studios seeks models of all sexual genders & lifestyles for an upcoming fine art photography exhibit. Call 553-8172 for details.

Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

Gay & Lesbian Firsts & Records: Alyson Publications is compiling a gay & lesbian book of firsts & records (ie, first openly queer elected officials, first gay books, etc). Suggestions for entries are sought. Don't be shy about tooting your own horn. Documentation should be included, to the extent that it is available. Send submissions to Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston, MA 02118.

Anything That Moves: *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on sexuality & erotica. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24,* SF 94115 for guidelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

Theatre Rhinoceros' NET Project seeks written material for developing a theater piece on aging and maturity from a lesbian & gay perspective. Material from 5-15 min in length, consisting of personal stories, scenes, monologue etc, sought. Send to Maggie Olesen, c/o Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, SF 94103 or call 821-1937.

Old Home Movies sought by the Judah Magnes Museum and its Western Jewish History Center, a film & sound archive which collects & preserves historic film footage & audiotape of Jewish communities in the western United States. Archive has particular interest in movies & sound recorded before 1965 in any format (8mm, 16mm, ¼" audiotape, etc) including film & sound of events at Jewish organizations, institutions & business, Jewish family life cycle rituals & synagogue activities. Contact Bill Chayes or Elizabeth Friedman at the Museum (510) 549-6952 Mon-Thurs or write (do not send materials) to them at Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley, 94705.

Women of Color & Jewish Women Over 60 sought for an oral history video project on women's experiences in the 1950s, conducted by lesbian students at UC Berkeley. If you are interested or available for an interview call (510) 549-4256.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Women's Reading Group: Monthly potluck brunch & book discussion for women who are powerless over printed matter. Improve your mind & broaden your horizons. Info/location: Jill 255-7809.

Working Class Lesbian Writing Support Group: No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Racially Diverse Lesbian Writers group welcomes new members. For location, time & other info call Debra (510) 653-4135 or Christina (415) 626-0475.

Brewmistress: Informal group of women who are interested in brewing. Info: Lin 383-5345.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a countywide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

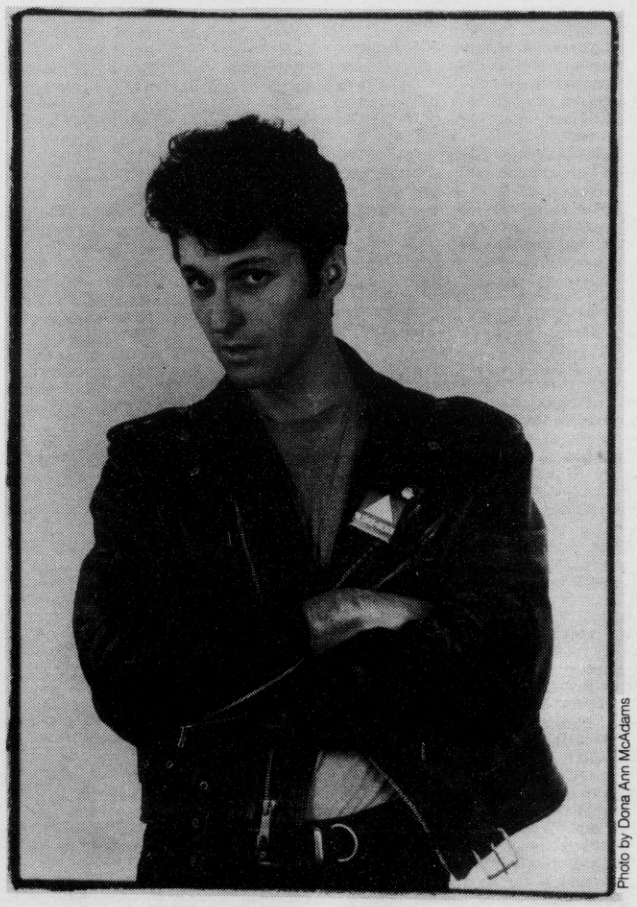
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.



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Tim Miller in "My Queer Body," May 21-31 at Josie's.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Transsexuals of Color: Open to FTMs & MTFs, pre- and post-ops. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Lesbian Chamber Music Group meets monthly for informal performance, reading & improvisation. Info: Lisa or Anne 621-0790.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus discussions on careers & sexuality. Biwkly mtgs, SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.
T-ART Transgendered artists/writers network. See Transgender Groups.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

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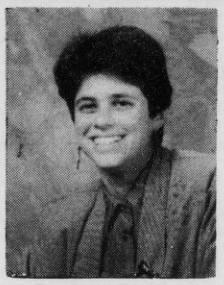

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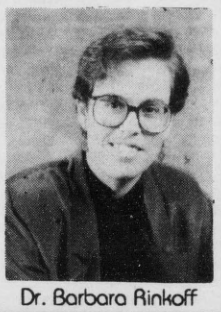

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United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.
QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
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Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Eastbay Feminist Minyan: Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call 845-9711 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical, social & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
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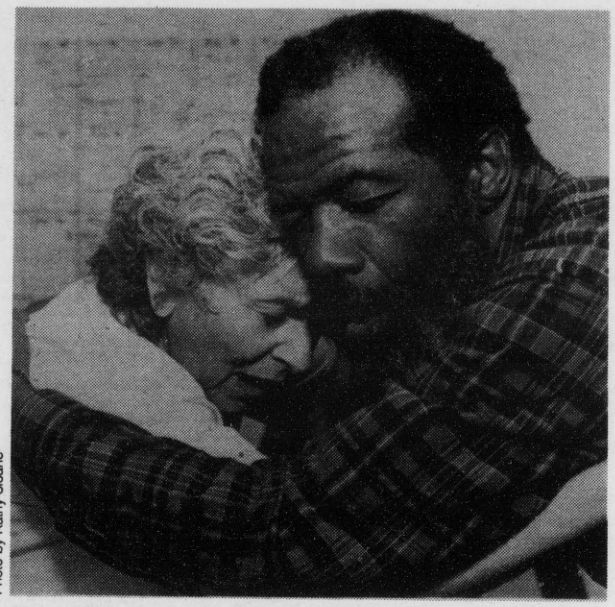

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Naomi Newman and John O'Neal in A Traveling Jewish Theatre's presentation of "Crossing the Broken Bridge." Onstage has details.

ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933 or call 488-0156.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players. Info: Linda (510) 540-7540.

Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.

Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

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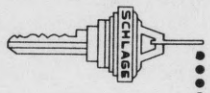

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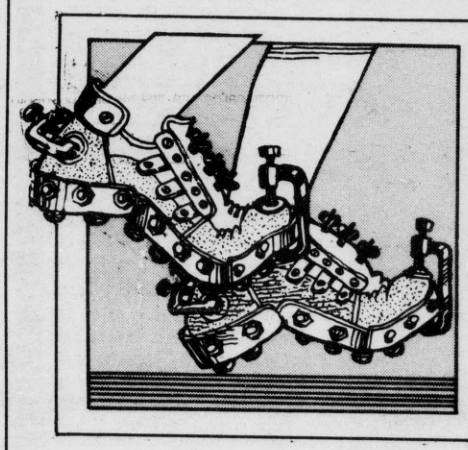

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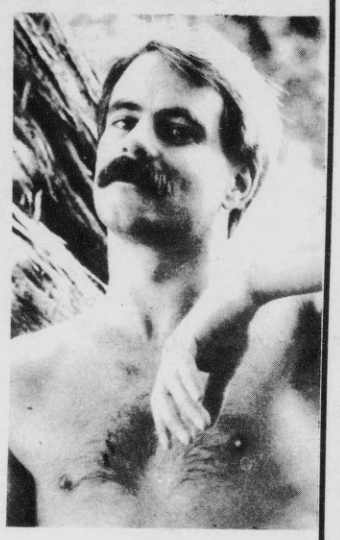

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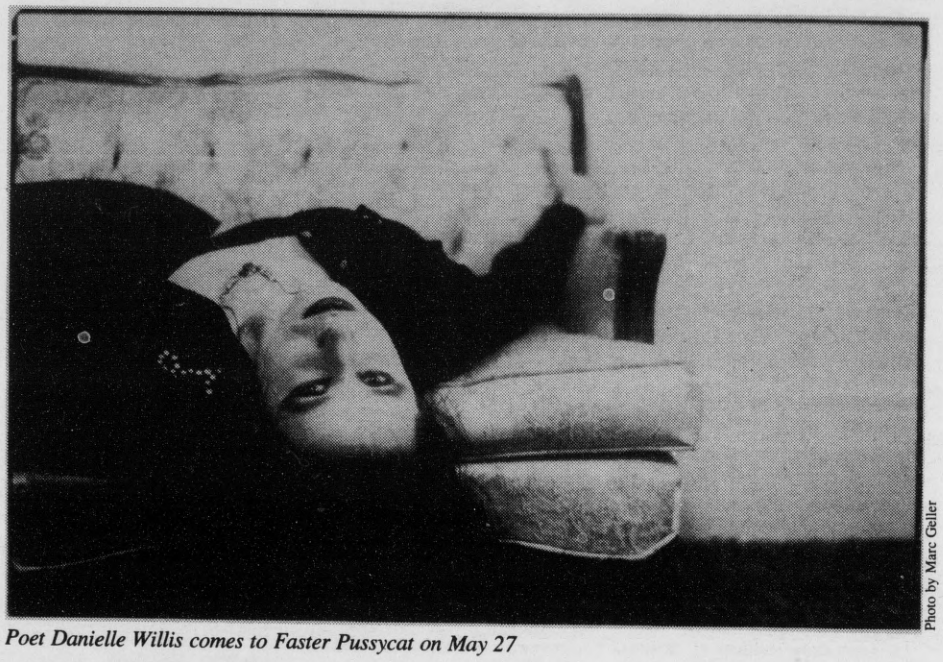
The day after the riots, I marched down to Reckless Records specifically to buy a copy of *Psychocandy,* The Jesus and Mary Chain's debut album from 1985, a true classic that's been missing from my collection for too many years. Now I know why some people never lend out their records and CDs, but I was lucky enough to nab a used import pressing in great shape for only $3.99.

Something about that record and the snotty angst of the Reid Brothers, the two Scots who turned the British music scene inside out by matching sweet pop melodies with frightening levels of feedback and lyrical potshots of a blasphemous, suicidal, drugged and murderous nature, seemed perfect for my post-riot mood. I came home and cranked it, ravenous for white-hot noise and feedback, and my roommates and I got all excited and reminiscent about JAMC all over again. We recalled how their 26-minute attitudinal-as-hell set at the I-Beam back in '85 was brilliant beyond belief. I was shocked to hear the DJs on KUSF the day after, describing the show as a "rip-off," "pretentious" and even "anti-American," as if anyone cared what they thought. I was just plain thrilled over the fact that a band who skipped the tired, predictable pomp of an encore existed in this world.

It was musical magic, troublemaking at its best, vintage rock 'n' roll rebellion. I wanted to fling it in the face of this whole riot trip from my room at maximum volume, pacing and singing along, but mostly grinning, as walls of wretched noise rose and crumbled from my open windows. As a result of this urge, two songs on that LP,



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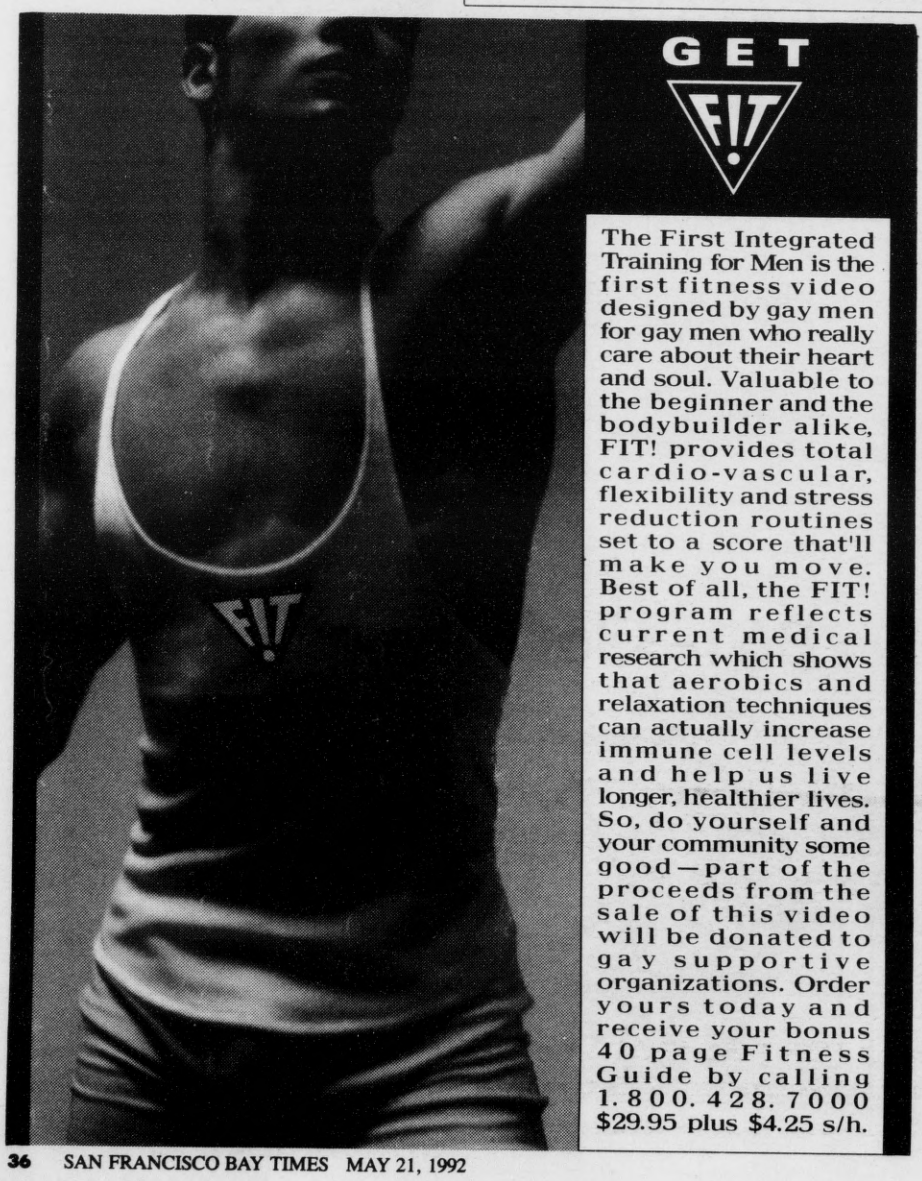
Poet Danielle Willis comes to Faster Pussycat on May 27

"The Living End" and "Taste the Floor," forged their way into the realm of rock 'n' roll greatness in my book. The lyrics from the first one say it all: "I feel quick in my leather boots/ My mood's black when my jacket's on/ I'm in love with myself/ There's nothing else but me." I might add that the song takes place on a motorcycle, completing the perfect rebel image with a loss of control near the frenzied finale. "Taste the Floor" boasts with nursery rhyme simplicity a drug-addled paranoid litany matched with the most enticing yet searing use of feedback on the record.

This angst-filled reverie rekindled my interest enough to buy the latest JAMC release, *Honey's Dead,* and what a pleasant surprise it was to hear the band's heart is still in the snotty, insolent and right place, buried in biblical imagery, subtle psychosis, the smell of sex, and layers of guitar grunge resounding and turning to dust. Starting with the opening cut, "Reverence," and its first line, "I wanna die just like Jesus Christ," the record hooked me. I'm also anxious to hear the remix of this song by Ministry's Alain Jourgenson, available in a special edition single package that comes in a box and costs too much. In this song I noted the presence of a slightly off-kilter, fuzzy, semi-house-like rhythm track buried in the mix. It serves as an indication that the Brothers Reid are applying their hurling-tradition-into-havoc style to newer elements of popular music. They seem to tread a fine line between selling out and/or showing their disdain for the influences they fuck with, but I don't think they're hoping for a mega dance-club hit or anything.

Disdain is a good way to describe the new LP's vocal deliveries: insidious sneers of discontent, gentle enough to reflect emotional sensitivity but only for a scant second; later lost in a turbulent sea of snideness and alienation. It's a twisted quality, almost a complete reversal of the pop norm. Speaking of pop norms, JAMC have always reminded me of the Beach Boys for some reason. Maybe it's the most basic melodic tendencies they share on a song here and there. Perhaps it's the fact that the core of both bands were and are two brothers. Hearing JAMC always reminds me that deceased Beach Boy Dennis Wilson was indeed a friend of Charles Manson at one point in time, and that Charlie reportedly had long-term plans to murder him. Neat. Behind all the "Good Vibrations," fun-in-the-sun, clean-cut wistfulness they exhibited, the Wilson brothers were definitely sick tickets. Didn't Dennis Wilson die in the ocean? And didn't JAMC record a morbid version of the song "Surf City," released as "Kill Surf City" a few years back? But wait, wasn't that bubbly beach tune an original by Jan and Dean of "Dead Man's Curve" fame? This all makes me wonder what the impact of that particular "California sound" could be on a pair of pale, dour young men half a world away in Scotland and born in the mid-'60s. I think I'm just hung up on my very favorite description of this band: "They sound like the Beach Boys practicing in a metal shop."

As *Honey's Dead* rolls on, I do sense a slight watering-down of their more visceral, noisy tendencies. The most blaring example would be the mushy little love ditty called "Good for My Soul," which is followed by "Rollercoaster," slightly heavier, but utilizing sappy vocal arrangements literally lifted from a popular Byrds song. Just in the nick of time, "Sundown" kind of redeems the softer moments of doubt preceding. Oddly enough, the song seems to express environmental concerns. Is it about the ozone, or something equally as scary, like the notion that JAMC would ever do a song about ecological balance? Then comes the lyric, "The planet's more fucked up than I'll ever be," accompanied by the constant swelling drone of that ever-lovin' guitar noise. After a lyrical reference



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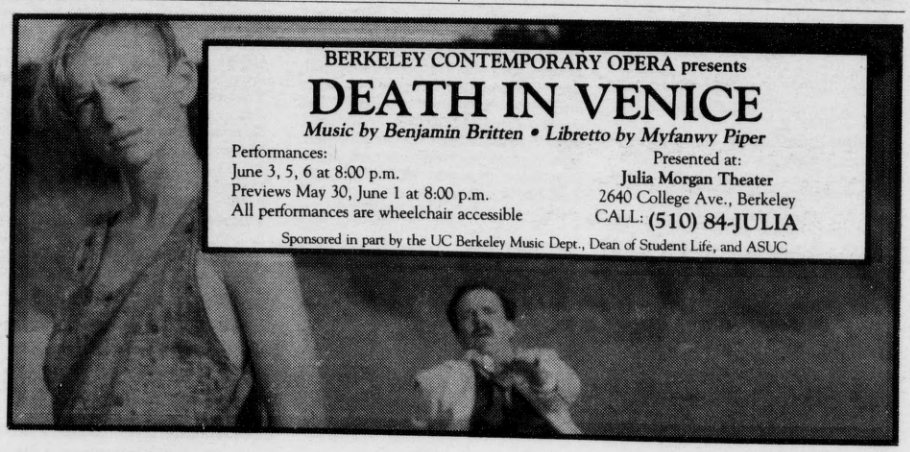
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to suicide come the words, "Shine on," sung plaintively yet with a growing rage, over and over till the end. Now there's the JAMC we love! This is possibly my favorite cut on the LP.

The final song, "Frequency," is a brief reiteration of the first song, "Reverence," with clearer delivery of the lyrics, including, "I want to die just like JFK/ I want to die in the USA/ With the radio on." The last line is lifted from the repeated chorus of the classic rock song, "Roadrunner," by the Modern Lovers. Its use here will surely make the man who penned it, Jonathan Richman, proud. I wonder what he thought when the Sex Pistols butchered it over a decade ago. JAMC use only one line from it and it's much scarier. I recommend this disc highly; it's much more accessible than I make it sound. I adore damage first, beauty second.

MICHAEL PANDOLFI AT THE LONE STAR

I could hardly contain my excitement when I learned that Michael Pandolfi, the best rock 'n' roll DJ in the city, will be spinning for the Lone Star every Friday night, starting May 22. Michael is best known for his work at the Detour, where he has made many a Sunday afternoon/ evening a rock music beacon in a sea of citywide Tea Dance monotony, and he's been doing it since well before the advent of brow piercings and bandana heads. It's heartening to know that he'll be doing it at a bar that is accustomed to rock 'n' roll, an oddity among the SoMa queer bars and an oddity in the queer community in general, except for some of our ballsier pioneer dyke sisters. I urge all queer rockers to pop in for a listen. I have a feeling Michael will transform this cozy bar into a haven for a portion of the queer community that clubland has not provided for: queers who would love to hear "Iron Man" by Black Sabbath and will no longer be placated by one worn-out Nirvana song per night. Don't search the classifieds for a specialized support group, 'cause you won't find one. You'd have better luck as an adult child of an alcoholic white witch incest survivor dealing with a partner's eating disorder. Just come to the Lone Star on Fridays and Mr. Pandolfi will show his expertise in an area where few DJs dare to tread.

DANIELLE WILLIS AT FASTER PUSSYCAT

On Wednesday, May 27, poet Danielle Willis will be the featured entertainment at the ever-fun club for cool cats of all persuasions, at 16th and Albion in the heart of the Mission. It seems that quite an interest is developing over Danielle's astonishing written work and readings. Her book, *Dogs in Lingerie*, has gone into a second printing, and a one-woman show co-produced by Cintra Wilson is looming ahead in the near future, so watch for it. She's a genius with the written word and another fine example of the varietal entertainment Downtown Donna has been presenting in her club, which recently celebrated its first birthday.

But there's more. Downtown has invited me to guest DJ on that night, and it's been quite a while since I've been turned loose in a booth, and I can't wait. But wait, there's still more. Rumor has it that Danielle the genius writer, in light of the rock 'n' roll spirit of the times, will perform her killer metal bitch three-song Century Theater dance routine, the floor exercise that keeps her in such luscious vinyl outfits, not to mention exquisite physical shape. Come down and witness the act that has sent men-who-love-lap-dancing running for the safety of their suburban homes. Oh let it rock!

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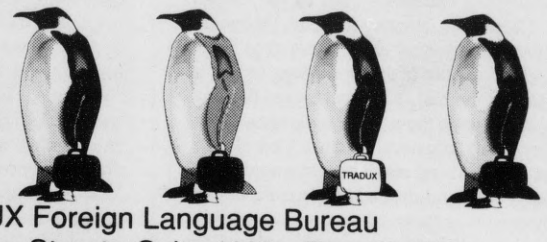

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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Cowgirls and Folkies

Lately my life has been inundated with cowgirls, folkies and dead superstars. For starters, at the tribute to Patsy Cline on May 9 at the DNA, Elvis Herselvis showed up to join "Patsy" in two duets. Three days later, country girl Suzy Bogguss played the Great American Music Hall, where she sang Patsy Montana's "I Wanna Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart." The crowd was very straight, making me dread a necessary visit to the Ladies' Room. Thankfully, the two lesbians I'd spotted in the house showed up at the same time.

I got a big kick out of disappear fear's show at the Bottom of the Hill. The band kicked big-time and displayed some funny audience-engaging tactics. New stuff consisted of an added electric guitarist, and the band playing mostly new songs. The electric guitar didn't add too much, but the new material was sharp.

SF lesbians will have a moment in the limelight when a film crew comes to town next week to catch a lesbian dance party in action. Canadian director Margaret Wescott is making a feature-length documentary on lesbians, tentatively titled *Third Gender*, and is passing through the Gay Mecca. Dykes are encouraged to come out and dance and get wild, according to promoter Nancy Kravitz, who says the film is being shot in 35mm for worldwide release. If you want to get your moment on the screen, head out to the I-Beam on May 27. Stephanie Phillips and Nikki Rivera will be DJing, and there may be local bands as well. Filming should run 9 pm to midnight and admission is free. Our reputation is at stake here, mind you.

THE SECOND COMING OF MARGIE ADAM
Herbst Theatre, May 15

Off the road for eight years, Margie Adam made a return appearance in a benefit for the Lyon-Martin clinic, bringing out the faithful and at least one newcomer. In truth, the show didn't do much for me. It was kind of like dropping in on an acquaintance's class reunion and listening to everybody reminisce while you're left standing at the punch bowl. The difference was there was no punch bowl, so I had to just sit there while star pupil Margie explained repeatedly what she'd been doing for, oh, the last ten years.

Leaning back from her piano after many a song to soak up the loving womon-energy, she went off to another world where her inner child could roam free. She even sang a song about it, concluding with little girl yips and wails—it was the child within coming out! About this time, I slid down in my seat, cringing in embarrassment. But looking around, I saw a lot of those present were eating it up. Maybe my inner child was otherwise occupied.

I feel curmudgeonly confessing this, since Adam's a womyn's music icon, and obviously the women around me (and a few men) had been waiting years for her to come back. I had trouble figuring out what the big deal was. Is it unsisterly of me, mean-spirited, to say that this was the musical equivalent of a root canal? Will I have my lesbian card revoked? Only time will tell.

OK, for balance, I will now list three things I did like about the show: Margie's sensible shoes, her self-deprecating sense of humor, and her "Ranting and Raving After the Breakup" song, not the least because it expressed anger, negativity, and all those real emotions that seemed otherwise unexpressed. It was great to hear Margie say the word "fuckin'" even if she put it in someone else's mouth. It was a welcome break from the cloying *earnestness* that blanketed the performance. If you could get past that, there was some fine singing and piano work and some good songs. Adam said she'll be going into the studio in August to record, "now that I know what songs you like." Goddess, please don't let her record the inner child song.

L7 (from left: Donita Sparks, Dee Plakas, Jennifer Finch, Suzi Gardner)

PENELOPE HOUSTON AND HER BAND
***500 Lucky Pieces*, id records**

Houston has released a limited edition of 500 cassette copies of 12 songs recorded in 1990 and 1991. Some of them were on last year's live album, *On Borrowed Time*. Of these retreads, I particularly like "Honeysuckle" and the wonderfully ambiguous "Nina." New finds include "Qualities of Mercy," which features the line "I'm already sailing, sailing my ferry across the mercy of my friends," and "Like I Do," whose ominous chorus portends, "I'm gonna tell on you and make you suffer like I do." The tape is accompanied by a lyric book with drawings and is available by mail for $10 plus $2 postage, made payable to P. Houston, PO Box 422163, SF 94142-2163. Penelope and the band will play at a benefit for Food Not Bombs on May 30 at New College, 50 Fell St. I'm not sure of the showtime, but food will be served at 8 pm. $5 donation.

L7
***Bricks Are Heavy*, Slash Records**

Here's another band bred on L.A. bad attitude, which is on display in a scream of an interview in the current *BAM*. WITNESS interviewer Deborah Frost challenge the band to a fight! WATCH Suzi Gardner and Donita Sparks hump each other with pillows! YOU ARE THERE as Dee Plakas dozes through it all! Best moment: Frost and Jennifer Finch trying to outbutch each other. Jennifer: "Do you think we're tough? Sitting with us, in this conference room..." Deborah: "I'd have to see how much you can bench press first." Whoa, girls!

Bricks Are Heavy, produced by Butch Vig, is the musical accompaniment to that mindset. It offers loads of raspy vocals, grungy guitars, and—surprise, surprise—socially conscious lyrics. The first track is called "Wargasm" and includes samples of Yoko Ono. I knew it would be my favorite if I could ever get it to play on the CD player I had—true enough. Yep, Yoko yelps while the gals sing, "Body bags and droppin' bombs. The Pentagon knows how to turn us on." Hey, maybe it'll become the election anthem. Other heavy-attitude cuts include "Slide," which finds the singer kicking out a no-good lover, and "Diet Pill." Play it at your next party and watch your friends jump.

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Nice Girls No More: Primo Queer Band Breaks Up

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

The bad news is that Two Nice Girls are breaking up. The good news is we'll have one more opportunity to go bonding with the band when they play the Great American Music Hall on May 24 at 8 pm. The tour is being filmed, and a final show in their hometown of Austin will be recorded for a live album.

So, why are they breaking up? Well, in a phone conversation from a tour stop in Portland, Ore., the band members say essentially that they're tired—of touring, the music and each other. But, says guitarist Kathy Korniloff, "It's an amicable split." As bass player Gretchen Phillips puts it, "It's one of those divorce things. It's time to end the marriage and go through the breakup, though it doesn't have anything to do with not loving all the people."

Seven-year itch seems to be setting in. Korniloff says, "Gretchen and I have been doing it for seven years. I feel like we've done it long enough, personally. It seems a little odd to people who even now are just finding out about us." Phillips notes, "We've been around each other a lot of that time."

Drummer Pam Barger says she was thinking of leaving even before the band made the decision to split, which happened in mid-April while they were on an East Coast tour. "It was about to get bad, and none of us wanted to see it get bad." Barger says, "There was personality stuff coming up, power struggle stuff—nothing unusual." Does she feel it's time to go? "Oh, yeah," says Barger. "I do."

The lone dissenting voice in the band comes from guitarist Meg Hentges. "I wasn't really happy about it at first," she says. "It's a loss to the community. I was a fan before I was a member, so it's hard." Hentges is still keyed up on the band. "I've only been doing it for three years, but [Korniloff and Phillips] have been in it for six years, so I assume they're twice as tired."

JoRae DiMenno, the band's publicist, also expresses dismay. "I don't understand why they're breaking up," she says. Though Two Nice Girls have been without a record company since their label, Rough Trade, disbanded a year ago, the band has a strong live following and makes money on the road. "It's not because there's no record deal," DiMenno says.

At least part of the breakup is due to differing musical visions. Phillips is becoming more enchanted with hard rock, while Barger says she favors more jazzy stylings. Korniloff is moving into a lounge style, while Hentges says she wants to further explore the perimeters of queer rock.

"We definitely are all real different people," says Barger. "That's what was so exciting about the band—the different techniques and styles and flavors. It did turn out to be something that made us want to go in different directions, which I don't think is a bad thing."

This tour finds some of those differences on display. Korniloff has been appearing in drag at some shows as "Tyler." She explains, "I've had a boy living inside me for some time, and I think he's beginning to come out." Tyler has a Harry Connick kind of torch sound, she says, and decided to join the band "figuring Two Nice Girls needed a dick in the band. You know, women don't get a fair shake in this business, and since Two Nice Girls are an all-woman band, it's really hard. He felt we'd do better if we had a dick." She adds, "There's a chance Tyler will show up in San Francisco."

Photo by Scott Van Osdol

No Longer Nice Girls (Clockwise, L-R): Pam Barger, Gretchen Phillips, Meg Hentges, Kathy Korniloff

This farewell tour has taken on a bittersweet quality that Phillips finds ironic. "This tour is so touching and sentimental, but the tours before were numb and hard." With their time together winding down, the band has grown closer, she says. "Everybody is sort of aware it's time to fucking enjoy each other instead of avoid each other."

Barger says, "This tour has been really fun because we know it's gonna be over. We're at our very best and having a great time on stage. It's probably very confusing for the audience." Hentges admits to some sadness. "Last night in Seattle, I was very sad singing 'Sweet Jane' and realizing I'd only sing it maybe ten more times."

Phillips likens the breakup to a divorce. "It's like your last dinner date. It's sweet and romantic and then you go home and have the most amazing sex, and in the middle of the orgasm you think, 'My god, this is so great. Why am I doing this?'"

Yet, the band is firm in its resolve to pack it in. Friends and family call. "It's hard to be away from my lover for weeks at a time," says Phillips. "We want to get back to Austin and reclaim our hometown," says Korniloff, promising that "you'll see a proliferation of great music coming out of Austin from all four of us."

Hentges is planning on staying in Austin to work with other women musicians. She hopes to have a CD out of her songs, some of which the band is playing now, by the fall. "I've been in a lot of bands before and I've been on records, but I've never been the sole songwriter and done production," she says.

Korniloff is eager to get home, but says she may or may not stay in Austin, where she has lived for about 13 years. "I'm kind of sick of it," she says, rejecting slackerdom. Nor does the Austin sound hold much appeal for her—"boys doing the Texas rock thing" is how she describes it. "Actually, my lover and I have talked about moving out to San Francisco," she reveals.

Barger is undecided on her plans as yet, but is considering fronting her own band. The drawback is she's terrified to sing. "I'm not really confident about it." Though she wrote and sang two songs on the last Two Nice Girls album, *Chloe Liked Olivia*, she says she doesn't consider herself a writer. "I just write poems and when it seems like they can be turned into songs, I will. I'd really like to write with someone who knew more about structure."

Phillips plans to return to Austin, where she is in the midst of writing a book with her girlfriend. Titled *Lovefuck*, "it's all about lesbian love and sexuality." She speaks of helping Girls in the Nose, another lesbian band she played in and which is fronted by her best friend, Kay Turner, "make as much of a splash as we have." Phillips also wants to try her hand at writing country/western songs with Turner. Er, would these be queer country songs? "Probably not." Pause. "I don't think it's possible for [us] to write a straight song, though, so..."

It's hard to imagine a post-Two Nice Girls world, though they all seem to be doing a fine job of it. The band has helped to define a genre known as queer rock, one informed by feminism, rock 'n' roll, an unrestrained approach to sexuality and queer-positive messages. Also, they're fun, dammit.

This is definitely a band that would give Jesse Helms conniptions. Phillips, for one, has said she'd like to "turn straight girls queer" and songs like "The Queer Song" certainly give it a try. They have never been afraid of the L word or the Q word or the G word, for that matter.

A Two Nice Girls show goes over well with a wide range of people, from Birkenstocks to Doc Martens, hippies to professionals. The Girls acknowledge their alliances and do their share of sloganeering, all while attempting "to make lesbianism as attractive as possible."

Musically, they are on target as well, managing to meld rock with folk, funk with lounge, and turning it into listener-friendly great hooks. This is propaganda you can dance to, or hum in the shower, or send to Mom in hopes she'll better understand your "lifestyle." Whatever it is, it worked.

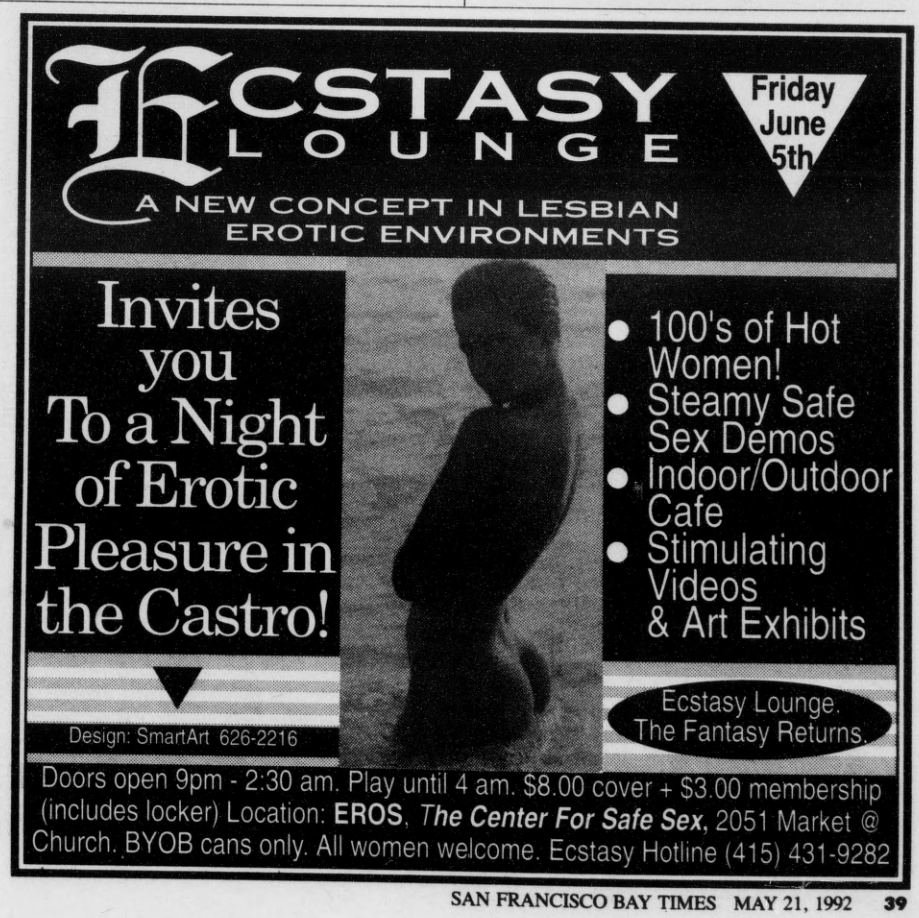
Two Nice Girls won't disappear, though, even when this tour is done. Filmmakers Zinca Benton and Fran Rzeznik of Three Z Productions have been following the band on the road and filming them. The film will be called *Out on the Road With Two Nice Girls*. Korniloff says the camera has been on constantly. "We've been getting a lot of stuff: the venues, fans, us unloading." Think *The Last Waltz* crossed with *Truth or Dare*.

Hentges says, "We'd just seen the three-minute trailer for the movie when the band broke up. We thought they'd say end of movie, but they're still here. I think this movie is gonna be great." The film, she notes, will now have "built-in drama." The trailer will be showing in New York at the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival in June.

The finished product should be released next year and will include some or all of the band's last live show, which Korniloff calls "the last hurrah of all time," set for Austin in September. Three Z Productions is still looking for money to finish the film, which Korniloff observes "will come out posthumously, obviously."

Two Nice Girls are counting down to that final blowout performance with the last few West Coast shows. The Music Hall will be set up for dancing, which for Phillips, at least, will provide the wild sex after the dinner. "Performing is like that," she says. "It does feel like wild sex."

Three records, with a fourth to come, one film, numerous tours. All in all, it's not a bad run for a band that never had a major label record deal or the cover of *Rolling Stone*. So, what now? Hentges says, "I feel like we've just scratched the surface with lesbian rock 'n' roll and breaking taboos and saying things that need to be said. Two Nice Girls broke a lot of ground. It's just the beginning of lesbians making ourselves heard, and I really wanna be a part of it."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DINING OUT

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

South of Market Trattoria

A long, long time ago, in a galaxy far away, Italian restaurants were dark halls with plastic fruit and wickered Chianti bottles adorning the walls. Their menus offered not pastas, but spaghetti, linguine and ravioli, in white or red sauce, and pizzas. Simple, family-run and family-frequented restaurants. Definitely not elegant. About as different from that image as you could imagine, is the sleek **Undici**, a faux- Mediterranean trattoria South of Market with some of the tastiest authentically Italian food around. Chef and co-owner Donna Nicoletti has amassed a variety of specialties from "Rome and South," including Sicily.

It was through Sicily, which was occupied by Arabs for 500 years, that some wonderful new vegetables reached the Western world in the beginning of the Renaissance, you food historians will recall. Eggplant, green herbs and tomatoes didn't become staples of the Italian kitchen overnight, but gained popularity as Italian, then French, cooking blossomed. As it so happens, vegetables are one of the items Nicoletti does best. They have their own space on the menu. One night found a citrusy **Sauteed Spinach** ($3.75), with currants, pine nuts and garlic, cooked just tender and velvety, without the slightest grit; **Deep Fried Fennel** ($3.75), with mint in a somewhat greasy batter; and scintillating **Fresh Fava Beans**, ($3.75), ripe and textural, scented with lardons of bacon.

Undici's other co-owner, Tim Dale, happens to also be the designer behind the charming setting. Faux-stone floors and walls, woodwork complete with patina and curtains tied with fat silk ropes create a weathered look, enhanced with chiaroscuro lighting effects. The front room has a high ceiling and loft space in which perches a lovely opera singer, intriguing us with arias and a pleasant smile. This is a real plus. The back room is more intimate, darker and connected to the gorgeous wooden bar. Tables in the front room are placed closely together, maybe a drawback, but I enjoy chatting with my neighbors as we eye each other's steaming plates, sharing recommendations and maybe even forkfuls.

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General Manager Josh Polsky with Chef Donna Nicoletti in the dining room at Undici

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Antipasti, unique and flavorful combinations of typical Southern Italian ingredients (white beans, arborio rice, seafood), figure on the menu in delicious mixtures. **Capriata** ($4), a slab of grilled olive oil bread supporting tangy white beans, arugula and mild pecorino cheese, was difficult to eat but made a pretty picture. Crisp **Arancini** ($4.75), saffron-perfumed risotto with mozzarella, pecorino, and tomatoes—rolled in breadcrumbs and deep-fried—were creamy, pungent and sweet, reminding me of Indian *samosa*. The **Scarole di Granchi** ($6) paired crab meat wrapped in escarole with a lemon dressing and cold marinated mussels, but tasted flat. A superb **Garden Salad** of mixed baby greens, toasted hazelnuts and chunks of neutral pecorino cheese was impeccable. Bread, from The Bread Workshop, is fresh and a very appropriate tool

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for *scarpetta*, the practice of scraping up extra sauce with your bread. Or use a slice to soak up some of the **Sciabica** extra-virgin olive oil (from Modesto, would you believe?) found on every table, sweet and clean- tasting.

Primi Piatti are pastas and pizzas, first courses or entrees, depending upon your appetite. I loved the huge serving of **Orechiette** (ear-shaped pasta) with ample pieces of squab, *porcini*, and celery-scented broth served in an enormous teacup-shaped bowl, and wondered whether to eat it with a fork or a spoon, since there was so much addictive juice at the bottom ($10.50). *Secondi Piatti*, more substantial dishes of meats and vegetables, include **Chicken Vesuvio** ($12), tender and moist, roasted with oregano, covered in breadcrumbs and served alongside some dry, salty potatoes; a basic dish that could be better. **Cenci di Carne** ($14), tender, thin slices of "beef loin" sauteed in olive oil, garlic, and red pepper flakes on a bed of arugula, needed sauce; the topping of grated pecorino cheese added flavor but not moisture. **Sicilian Fennel Sausage** ($11) was a standard rendition, aided by a white bean and tomato stew with sauteed escarole. These dishes are not fancy or fussy; they're comforting foods that make you feel good.

Desserts are less enthralling and less of a value than the other courses. A **Walnut-Pear Roulade** ($6) was a roll-up of walnut cake and homemade pear ice cream drizzled with chocolate sauce. Innovative but dull. A **Lemon Souffle Tart** ($5.50) excited me: I love to see souffles of any kind on a menu for the sheer culinary challenge. This one, though, tasted eggy and truly tart. I think the **Cannoli** ($4.75) was slightly stale, although the sweet, cheesy filling speckled with nuts was great. The best of the desserts was the **Tulip with Chocolate Chip Ice Cream** ($5.75), with a crisp cookie shell shrouding dense and flavorful ice cream. Desserts were generally a letdown after some wonderful flavors had marched across my palate in the previous two courses.

Undici means eleven, and is so named because it's on 11th Street. The part to remember, though, is that Undici presents the dishes of Southern Italy simply and unpretentiously in a vibrant atmosphere. Chef Nicoletti works in the intense kitchen much of the time, assuring a quality product, while Dale stays in the front of the house, seeing that all runs smoothly there. The arrangement works. I like Undici very much, and perhaps we can chat about it if we're seated at adjacent tables.

Around Town

Porter's, at 18th and Sanchez, defies standard classification: the cute, well-stocked store is all at once an organic produce outlet, cheese and wine shop, and specialty-item boutique. Who else has such tempting selections of imported pates and cheeses? Who else carries Graffeo coffee (the best) and the lesser-known, carbon-copy Vigal coffee? Definitely worth checking out, if just for the fun; but I dare you to shop at Porter's and leave without buying a goodie. Recently I made a stop there and bought some gorgeous golden beets which, steamed and drowned in butter and cracked black pepper, made a satisfying lunch with a slab of triple-cream St. Andre and Carr's water crackers.

I surely hope everyone already knows about **It's Tops**, at 1801 Market, that white and blue place straight out of 1947. Inside, dark wood paneling, a long formica counter, and six or seven booths adorned with individual jukes add nostalgia. The sign claiming "Best S.F. Hot Cakes" is authentic, meaning you can always count on getting some terrific Buckwheat pancakes, plain or with fresh fruit. Other dependables: eggs, served any way, waffles, French toast, ice cream shakes and malts. Coffee is roasted on the premises and is excellent—hot and plenty of it.

Whenever I happen to be visiting L.A., I frequent **Authentic Cafe**, at 7605 Beverly Blvd., across from "Television City in Hollywood." The food is an eclectic mix of Southwest via Italy (chipotle chicken pasta), China (Sichuan dumplings) and, well, the authentic Southwest (the absolute best corn tamales ever, made with fresh corn and served with impeccable guacamole, sour cream and salsa). It can get crowded, so come early if you hate waiting, and don't expect a cerveza: no alcohol served. I like the Authentic for its tasty, inexpensive food, bright design and the trendy reasons that make Los Angeles *ellay*.

Paragon, 3251 Scott St., in the Marina, has got a great thing going on: Chef Kerry Heffernan, of Checkers in L.A. and our own Cypress Club, turns out consistently well-prepared bar and grill-type food in low-key, comfortable surroundings at this redux of a place. Affordable and very tasty items such as a Maple Cured Double-Cut Pork Chop, with mashed yams and fresh applesauce, Fresh Tuna Tacos with corn tortillas (delivered daily from the Mission), and a Caesar that's tops turn both my thumbs up.

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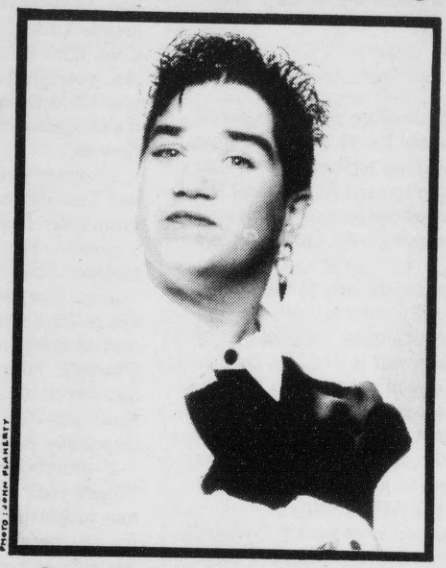

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One of These Days: What If?

One can only visualize writer/actors Jeff Thompson and Joseph Leonardi sitting around a kitchen table saying, "What if?" What if the Kramdens and Nortons of TV's *The Honeymooners* had two sons and those sons ended up as gay roommates in the Castro? A farce is born.

It's 40 years later, but the new version of the Kramden kitchen is still a major eyesore. Thompson is Frank, the overweight, fictional son of Ralph Kramden. Leonardi is Ted, the gangly, goofball, make-believe offspring of Ed Norton. This unlikely burlesque opens on a Gay and Lesbian Day at Candlestick Park, reels from romantic fiasco to romantic disaster, and closes two weeks later as Ted prepares to join the protest march against Gov. Wilson's AB101 veto.

Aiming their slings and arrows at any available target, the authors have placed Scene Two in Josie's Cabaret and the 'Nuts Shoppe, where even the health-food cookies are given a whack or two.

Frank is a bus driver (sound familiar?) on the Reno run and, meat eater that he is, doubles at a BBQ cafe. Hopelessly lovesick, he worships waiter Tucker (Aric Cushing), a flamboyant, hair-tossing queen, who fancies himself a performance artiste. Tucker informs us with considerable disdain that he is not a gay actor but an actor who is gay and that he doesn't *do* gay theater.

Ted is into New Age crystal-wearing, vegetarianism, and part-time "spiritual enema therapy." Taking his cues from sitcom commercials, he throws out such lines as, "You could ruin an International Coffee moment."

But back to the semblance of a plot. Each writes a personal ad for the other, describing accurate but not particularly attractive or flattering attributes. The responses are weird, even devastating... except for one each. And here, Murphy's Law takes over.

Ted's current trick, Brad (Gary Hinton), an after-five leatherman and a nine-to-five John Seymour supporter, answers Frank's ad. Ted's luck of the draw deals him a date with the imperious Tucker. The two couples meet at the Patio Cafe. It's a disaster, with no help from the bitchy, outrageously funny Buddy (Drew Todd), who can deliver a double whammy line and cap it with a raised eyebrow that can—and does—wilt flowers.

It's waiter Buddy's acid contention that Frank and Ted are really made for each other. The mismatched roomies consider the suggestion with a tentative kiss and then break into hysterical laughter. No, sisters are sisters. Leave it at that.

Some nice satire on the ever-changing social and political scene. Joe Weatherby directed this burlesque for gut-level laughs and he gets them. Charles E. Polly's folding set pieces contain some nice surprises (painting by Alex Sanso), and John Karr's sound design was particularly witty and apt (especially the Doris Day gem).

If everybody mentioned in the program's "thank you" notes attends just once, this farce may propel itself into a much longer run. Watch for it to make a "back by popular demand" appearance at Josie's.

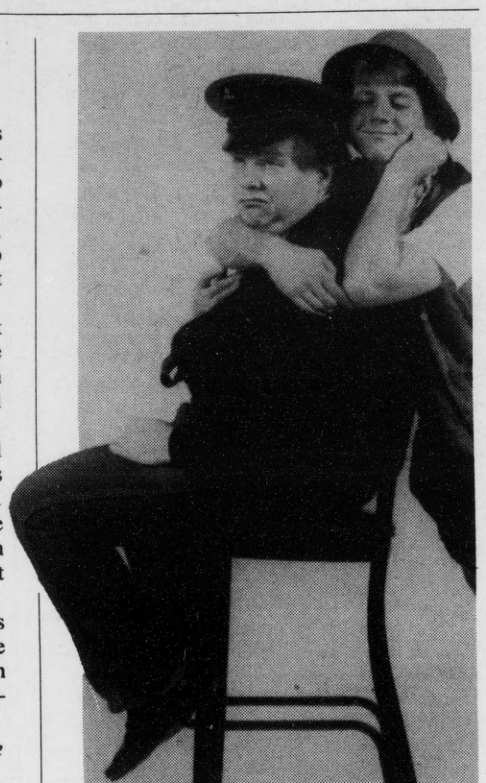
—Gene Price

Karen Akers at Bimbo's

Karen Akers might well be the quintessential *Harper's Bazaar* or *Vogue* model. Tall, slinky, high cheekbones, shiny hair in a pageboy bob, a wide, white smile, long expressive arms. But modeling is not her thing. An actor/vocalist, she is the reigning cabaret queen on the New York scene.

Nominated for a Tony award 10 years ago as the much-put-upon wife in *Nine*, Akers has since appeared in a couple of movies, reared a couple of boys (one of whom takes off for college this fall), divorced, discovered a new love, and most recently appeared as the devoted lesbian secretary of the ballet star in *Grand Hotel*. She has not been idle.

Akers was back in town for a special benefit concert for the low-income Housing Fund, which she followed with a four-night gig at Bimbo's.



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Jeff Thompson and Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days"

"Welcome to Bimbo's," she called out in a husky alto. "I've looked forward to saying that for a whole month!" Then she launched into an eclectic medley of "In My Life," "Here I'll Stay" and "My Shining Hour." All big stuff, all aimed for the emotional jugular, all on target. Nick Phelps on clarinet provided some rich backing on the Kurt Weill number.

Pulling a scene from a '40s roadhouse movie, the singer hoisted herself onto the piano (being six feet tall, it was hardly an effort), relaxed the net scarf that covered her bare white shoulders, and crooned Sondheim's "Sooner or Later," in a smoky arrangement that delivered considerably more vivacity than Madonna's version in *Dick Tracy*. "Torch Song" followed, a novelty number about the Statue of Liberty: "Who wants a date with a tall green lady... a lady with tourists in her breasts?"

She paired Sheila Davis' "She Knows" (uniquely told through the eyes of the "other woman") with Craig Carnelia's "I Met a Man Today" (a married woman's touching discovery that she is still attractive to other men). From Maltby and Shire's *Closer Than Ever*, she chose two songs, "Back on Bass," which allowed her to vamp with bassist Bill Douglas, and "If I Sing," a sentimental tribute to her mother. A pretty but unattributed French song about a child's vision of the world was followed by Noel Coward's not very challenging "Matelot."

After a brief intermission (she coyly admitted she had not bothered to change her dress), she sang the title song from her new album *Unchained Melody*. Never a favorite of mine, this heavy, heavy hit from several decades ago might have been the inspiration for any number of Joan Crawford epics. (Noel Coward's line about the potency of cheap music was never so apt.) But she immediately redeemed herself with Craig Carnelia's superb new song, "Flight," with its passionate expression of yearning for freedom. Akers closed the set with an emotional "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien," the signature tune most associated with her vocal idol, Piaf.

One of the evening's more poignant moments was her reprise of "In a Very Unusual Way" from *Nine*. She had sung it recently for David Carrol's birthday (he was the Baron in *Grand Hotel*) and she sang it again, even *more* recently, at his memorial service.

Visually, Akers epitomizes sophistication, but her girlish chatter borders on patronizing. We don't really need to be told, as she spreads her arms wide, that she loves us, that she loves being here and that she loves our loving her. Often compared to Garbo, she might follow that legend's example and hold something back.

For an encore she sang a delightfully seductive, softly whispered "Dream a Little Dream of Me," a perfect closing number which she nevertheless followed with "The Rose." Have enough years passed that we must now endure a revival of this song?

The impressive arrangements were by musical director Michael Abene. Phelps (flute, sax, clarinet) and Douglas (bass) completed the trio.

—Gene Price

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Toshi Reagon Sings Out at Redwood Festival

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

The Redwood Music Festival is an outgrowth of Redwood Cultural Work, the record label/cultural organization started two decades ago by Holly Near. The festival brings together artists from across the country who in some way fit Redwood's vision of multicultural, left-leaning ideals with an emphasis on women.

You'd expect some queers—and you've got 'em. Among the performers will be singer/actress/spokesmodel Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, the "Ambassadors of Homosexuality" Romanovsky and Phillips, as well as Guardabarrance, Geraldine Barney and other attractions.

Toshi Reagon will be one of those on hand, as well. At 28, Reagon has already won laurels as a guitarist, singer and producer. She's currently at work producing a children's album for Sweet Honey in the Rock, the extraordinary group her mother, Bernice Johnson Reagon, founded in 1973. Reached at her recording studio in Virginia, Toshi comes across as driven and forceful, but is also given to hearty laughter when the mood strikes.

Working with her mother, she says, is great. "You can see I'm her child. I mean, I'm her daughter, but, like, I'm a child of Sweet Honey in the Rock. I [believe that] Tracy Chapman and Casselberry-Dupree come out of listening to Sweet Honey in the Rock, too."

Toshi Reagon's 1991 album, *Justice*, featured appearances by her mother and Casselberry-Dupree, for whom she'd played bass. It's nice to have those kinds of people in your corner, but Reagon feels she's charted her own course, too. Her mother's musical style does not constrain her. "There's no pressure for me to be like her. I've got a band. We make a lot of noise," says Toshi.

With songs like "Justice" and "Foolish Attitudes," Reagon manages to give a fresh voice to age-old concerns of racism, injustice and homophobia, while dipping into folk, blues and reggae. As one record company executive says of Toshi, "The apple didn't fall too far from the tree."

So, it's a bit of a surprise to find out Toshi was something of a metalhead as a kid. "I was the biggest Zeppelinhead. I listened to Black Sabbath and KISS." Ever the supportive mother, Bernice got her little girl tickets to a KISS concert. She also exposed Toshi to the music of Big Mama Thornton, Howlin' Wolf and others, Toshi says, "so I could see where all this music I was listening to came from."

Toshi's sound caught the attention of record labels when she opened for Lenny Kravitz in 1990, eventually bringing her a deal with Elektra. "In the beginning, it looked like it was gonna be good," she recalls. Nevertheless, things deteriorated when she and the A&R person assigned to her didn't get along. "She lost her spirit for the project," says Toshi. "If you're not getting along with the A&R person, it can screw you up in the company." Reagon was dropped from the roster.

One might assume the problem was political, but Toshi says Elektra never pressured her about what she could say or what image to present. Elektra, she feels, "is really great about that." Looking at her peers, she says, "There are tons of people signed who have artistic and political integrity or whatever you wanna call it. They go through a process. They may go through a couple record companies."

Nonetheless, Toshi has little patience with the industry. "It's kind of like a vicious circle," she says. "Everybody knows each other. It's kind of inbred. There's a certain position that the press takes and the lawyers take. They all know what they're supposed to be doing." The closed circle leaves little room for fresh faces or voices.

One would presume an out Black lesbian would find it tough going in such ranks. Toshi says, "They don't care about people like me. There's nothing juicy about it, no mystery. Someone like a Whitney Houston is much more fun, because nobody's sure about her—or like Jodie Foster—she doesn't fit the style. It's bullshit. People who would come out and say something really strong, they don't wanna talk to 'em."

She thinks it's also a matter of image as to who gets "protected" from being outed. "People would be scared if they saw me with some gorgeous blond guy. They'd be so freaked out. 'What's she doing with that white guy?' " To really draw negative attention now, she feels, "You have to have the contrast. It used to be that you had to be straight. Now that's not the case. That's why people are so confused about the Melissa Etheridge album cover. They had some image in mind, and now that she's doing the sexuality thing..."

Reagon is recording her own album independently. "It sounds so cool. The songs are so great. I'm excited about it." Including guest appearances by Nona Hendryx and Bernice, the record will feature some blues, rock and reggae. Toshi's unbiased appraisal is, "This record's gonna slam."

Reagon is onboard to offer her support to another independent musical force. She'll perform at the Redwood Music Festival in Oakland, though without her electric band. "I tried to get them to let me bring my band, but they wouldn't," she says ruefully. She'll also be appearing with folk legend Odetta in a workshop. "I'm not sure what we'll be doing—whatever Odetta wants me to do."

She has more than enough projects to keep busy, and also a clear sense of her mission. "My mother and I had a conversation about it, and she said, 'The only way they can really hurt you is if you stop singing,' " she explains. " 'You as a voice are so much more important than them as an industry.' "

The Redwood Music Festival takes place at the Calvin Simmons Theatre in Oakland, May 29 and 30. The festival features workshops, performances, children's programming and a crafts area. For more information, contact Redwood Cultural work at (510) 835-1445.

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The Baddest of Boys

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

In *The Baddest of Boys,* Doug Holsclaw, resident playwright of Theatre Rhinoceros and specialist in comedy/dramas on the AIDS theme, has managed to puncture, if not flatten, a whole herd of sanctimonious sacred cows. You name it, Doug jabs it with a warped-though-sharpened quill: religion, the medical profession, police, political activists, gay relationships, lesbian motherhood, the media, the caretaker's death watch, and death itself.

The scene is Cafe Carl. Charles (Ken Steinmetz), the manager and friend of owner Perry (who is dying of horrendous AIDS complications upstairs) is trying to get the restaurant open, but his preoccupied staff is incapable of cooperation. Chef Angela (Melissa Baer) is intent upon whipping up a benefit dinner. Radical activist Eric (Phil Vo), who is also the lover of Charles, arrives from his most recent protest and unwittingly confesses to having tricked with co-manager Lazlo (B.G. Lacquement, Jr.). A waiter, who has just died, has been stashed in the cooler.

Lazlo, a performance artist whose *canceled* shows attract full houses, is under the impression that he will inherit the cafe. Charles is even more convinced the cafe will be his. Angela insists Perry has promised it to her. But the immediate problem is the chili recipe, the one dish for which Carl's is famous. Perry has refused to part with the secret ingredient, and the would-be inheritors creep upstairs, one by one, to pry it from his speechless lips. Eric's visitation, however, is for the more humane purpose of reading a suicide "menu" to Perry.

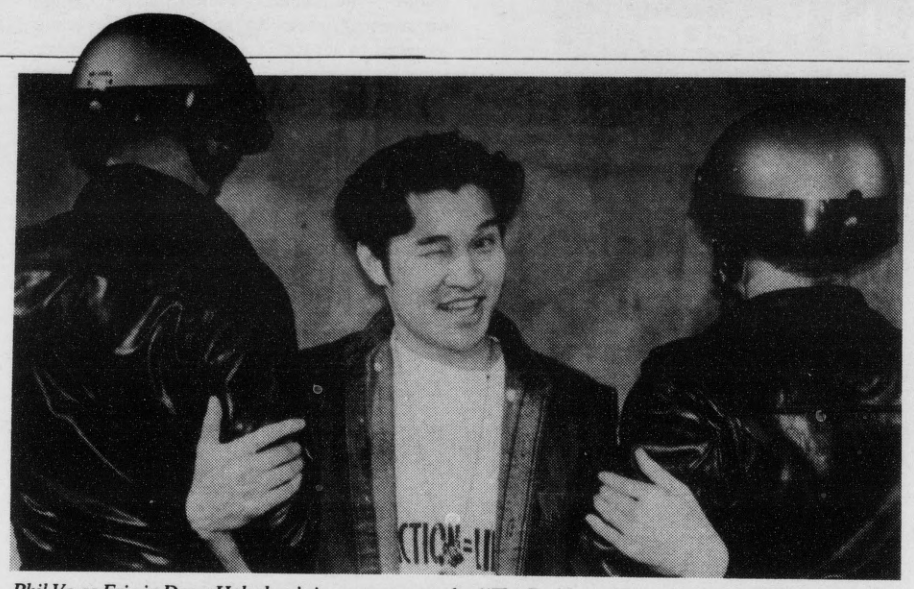
From the play's first lines we learn this is not going to be a normal day at Carl's. In the first 10 minutes, six waiters have called in dead. Each time a name is casually dropped, it is only to learn that the person has just died.

Perry's doctor, Iris (Melanie Moore), arrives. She is extremely pregnant and when Angela asks about her husband, she responds with considerable hauteur: "I'm a dyke." The father, she volunteers, is Thurgood Marshall, and she totes a baster full of his sperm around in her medical bag. Angela immediately falls for Iris and it's kissy-poo and a picket fence on the horizon.

Always up on the medical profession's latest breakthroughs, Iris is anxious to try the new "iodine and blow torch" treatment on Perry before she attends the worldwide AIDS conference at the Civic Center.

News of the conference is life's blood to Eric, who is convinced there will be a confrontation and that if he wears his Madonna shorts he can make the front page.

Upstairs, Perry's head begins to swell, casting a glow, not unlike moonlight, on his penitent employees. For an even more macabre touch, the face of Jesus appears on his chest, prompting the Pope to send an emissary and a group of nuns to form a line dance in the growing crowd outside. (Thankfully, most of this nonsense happens offstage.)



Phil Vo as Eric in Doug Holsclaw's irreverent comedy, "The Baddest of Boys," thru May 31 at the Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason

Eric, singed and tattered, makes another breathless entrance. In an excess of activist zeal he has just blown up the Ferry Building (with a homemade bomb made from hair-care products), where the government had quarantined the AIDS conference. He has been photographed kissing the vice president and has tricked with an FBI man. He calls to the smitten FBI man, "Go home. You're married."

Despondent over Eric's promiscuous behavior, Charles is not consoled by Angela's comment: "You're gay and he's queer. It will never work."

At Perry's bedside, Charles recites a litany of spiritual promises: "I'll be there... in the sound of dykes revving up their bikes... in the sound of gays laughing at old movies." And yes, chili lovers, Perry is moved to reveal the secret ingredient. It's his last word.

Fairly plotless, meandering, shooting its wad in several directions at once, this excursion into irreverence is not the author's best effort. But if he hasn't managed to offend everyone at least once, Doug Holsclaw will be very cross, indeed.

Sabin Epstein's direction has plumbed every outrageous nuance of script. I particularly enjoyed Melanie Moore and Phil Vo's bright, original characterizations. Melissa Baer and B.G. Lacquement, Jr., tended to address their acid comments to the audience, but what the hell, it's a farce. Ken Steinmetz distinguished himself with a nicely underplayed performance as a sane but distracted voice in a bedlam of self-centered individuals.

The attractive cafe setting was by Chris Grant; lighting by Wendy W. Gilmore; costumes by Dana Peter Porras; and particularly fine sound design by Bob Davis.

The Baddest of Boys plays through May 31 at the Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason, Wed.-Sun. at 8 pm; May 24 matinee at 3 pm. Call 861-5079.

Three by John O'Keefe

REVIEWED BY ROBERT WILLDEN

Three John O'Keefe solo performance works, staged by Robert Elross, make for an intense evening at the Actors Theatre. The poetry of the first piece, *The Man in the Moon,* weaves subtly between reality and moonscape, but this performance tips toward the loony side.

In an acting stretch, Mary Forcade plays a man, an alcoholic derelict eliciting confidences as well as a drink, at a bus stop. The man's game is to seduce his prey with the wisdom and grace of his poetic extemporizing. But Forcade's man, always light years off the norm, pelts us with an unrelenting barrage of idiosyncracies—twitches, scratches, shuffles, and so on. He never gets a chance to insinuate his way into our world, to make us really understand that each of us is a phony leading someone else's life. Since he doesn't draw us in, his in-your-face revelations—e.g., the pleasure of shitting one's pants, or the fact that he'll give a blowjob for a dollar—don't come as the jolts they're meant to be.

"You'll always be able to find me," he says. "Because I am you." "Sure, fella," we think, and, smiling, back out the door. Forcade has fervor enough to make the piece interesting even aimed in the wrong direction. Well, "it must have been the mooooonnn."

The Magician is a study in sexual obsession. Complete with top hat, tails and huge playing cards, the Magician (Robert Elross) tells of his wife's seduction by their friend, a situation the husband deliberately set up.

Using the cards, decorated with his personal symbols ("the ear of hearts," his nude wife, a keyhole, a bed, etc.), he relives the shadows and the lights, the noises and the silences, the pain and pleasure of his jealousy and lust. They fill his mind as he lies in the dark bedroom, leaving the two alone together somewhere in the house. In the course of that night, he discovers an ultimate truth when he sees his wife bent over the kitchen table, engaged with her new lover. "Cunt, bitch, whore, slut, I love you!!" he screams.

Searing as the piece should be, this version is wheezily comic, lacking sexual tension.

The Promotion is filled with upwardly mobile '80s lore, BMWs (make that "beamers"), and corporate buzzwords. Though written in 1989, it is already dated.

Here angst centers around playing the game—the propriety of saying "goodnight" twice to the security guard, or the most tasteful shade of umber to dab in brown-nosing up the executive ladder. Although the idea of the outer shell crumbling away from a purely skin-deep world, leaving raw human ruin, is powerful, this O'Keefe concoction of realism and fantasy (elevators to and from hell, werewolf bosses, time itself disappearing) doesn't work. The piece's yuppidy-doo-dah tone will not sustain the weight of its own surrealistic images.

Credit actor Joe Lucas for learning all the words in the night's longest piece and holding it together.

John O'Keefe's three solo pieces play through May 31 at the Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter. Call 296-9179 for tickets.

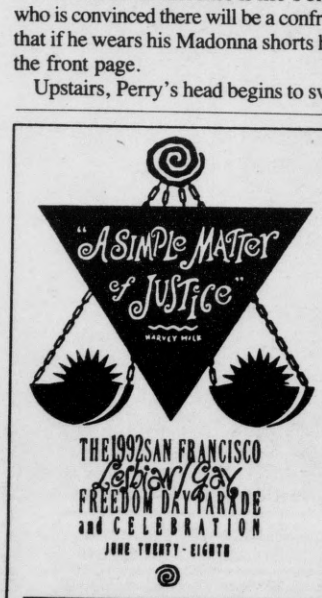
The Importance of Being Earnest

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

If there is one perfect comedy in the English language, line for line, nuance for nuance, it is Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest.* For sheer wit and flamboyance of style, this play of manners has no peer.

Prior to mounting this production, Berkeley Repertory's dramaturge, James Leverett, and director Richard E.T. White, pursued some additional, original material (deleted by Wilde prior to the play's premiere) and have reinstated it, lengthening an already perfect play by adding a new layer of social satire. With one new character and an additional act, it's a mixed blessing.

But the plot, involving the respective courtships of two young, idle, rich but spendthrift Londoners, is as ingratiating, as shimmeringly blithe as ever. Then, of course, there is the imperious *grande dame* Lady Bracknell, whose views on



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men, money, society and class structure highlight a farce already abundantly studded with epigrams and satiric commentary.

In some productions I have seen, Algernon and John have played their roles as two facets of the same man. Here they are quite different. Algernon (William Ragsdale) is the elegant fop who is transformed by true love. John (James Carpenter) is the slightly more responsible, definitely more seasoned, man-about-town.

Gwendolen is played by Nike Doukas with a captivatingly mannered flair of speech and demeanor. Cecily (surprisingly revealed in pants in *both* changes of costume and flaunting short, bobbed hair) is given a vivacious, independent, almost feminist stance by Rebecca MacLean. Both women, for once, were freed from their simpering identities.

John is in romantic pursuit of Gwendolen, daughter of Lady Bracknell (Gaynor Sterchi). Lady B. however, turns a cold shoulder to his quest. Was there ever a funnier scene than that in which this domineering dragon lady interviews John as to his qualifications for marriage?

Algernon, intrigued by the thought that John will not invite him to his country house to meet his ward, Cecily, shows up unannounced. He is followed, shortly thereafter, by Gwendolen, with Lady B. right behind. Here in John's pastoral garden lies are exposed, truths revealed, and class peccadillos explained away—but not apologized for.

Gerald Hiken, doubling as an unflappable servant and a threatening bill collector, adds some fine underplayed humor to the proceedings. I regret to say that in the matter of ensemble playing I was not altogether pleased with Drew Eshelman's wobbly Rev. Chasuble, or Sharon Lockwood's Miss Prism. Ms. Lockwood, in particular, seemed to push for up-front burlesque, rather than settling into the character of the retiring, absent-minded tutor.

The newly discovered material concerns Wilde's exposure of the Victorian upper-class conviction that tradesmen's bills should never be paid. (Specifically, the plot deals with John's humiliation at being forced to pay, by his own lie, his own restaurant bill.) That particular society's penchant for living on credit and spending wildly plays like a theme song from the Reagan era.

But even in Lady B.'s day, money made the world go 'round. It is only after she discovers that Cecily is *very* rich that she gives Algernon permission to marry her—and only after John, as Cecily's guardian, has traded his permission for the hand of Gwendolen.

Kent Dorsey's design for Algernon's London flat, with its elegant Oriental appointments, and the garden and drawing room of John's country estate, were superbly realized. Rose Pederson's costumes for Gwendolen and the men were impeccable. Lady Bracknell's bat-winged cape I thought verged on musical-comedy excess and Cecily's masculine attire was a touch perplexing and affected.

The Importance of Being Earnest continues at the Berkeley Repertory through June 11. If you have never seen it, you must. If you have seen it, but not recently, see it again. Call (510) 845-4700.

CLASSICS

BY CHING CHANG

Chanticleer and Music From the New World

I remember watching British "art" films while growing up, and, while listening to the sound of a male choir chanting in the background, would think rather jealously of how marvelous it would be to hear live male choirs singing Renaissance motets in hollow cathedrals (especially if you didn't have to sit through the church service), and feel their dulcet tones resonating through empty halls.

I didn't know back then, of course, that Chanticleer existed to provide such experiences, and lots more. Founded by Louis Botto in 1978, this internationally acclaimed local male choir has everything: grace, virility, gusto, poise, dignity, flair, class and world class, not necessarily in that order.

All of this is backed by a refined artistic sense and uncompromising musicality. Accompanied by the Magnificat Baroque Orchestra, Chanticleer's excellent program of Iberian and New World music last Saturday and Sunday at Mission Dolores, was artfully conceived and gorgeously performed, and (with apologies to Peter Phillips) put to shame the Tallis Scholars' concert with a similar Iberia-Americas theme presented in Berkeley last March.

The concert, entitled Voyage to the New World, and consisting of music from Spain and the New World, opened with the Kyrie, Gloria and Sanctus of a mass by Juan de Anchieta (c. 1462-1523), and also his *Salve Regina.* According to Craig H. Russell's excellent program notes, Anchieta was the court composer of Ferdinand and Isabella, and was apparently well-traveled and quite successful in his time. Anchieta's pieces were followed by a short classical symphony by Carlos Baguer (1768-1808). Performed by Magnificat, the symphony's charms wore thin after the first couple of minutes, but provided a nice balance to the Sumaya pieces which followed.

Manuel de Sumaya (c.1678-1756), a contemporary of Bach and Handel in the New World, was born in Mexico and lived in Mexico City and Oaxaca. He is a most unjustifiably neglected composer. I had not heard any of Sumaya's works before this performance and I must say that they are some of the most remarkable pieces I can remember hearing.

After intermission, two other pieces, *Sol-fa de Pedro* and *Celebren publiquen,* showed evidence of the enormous inventiveness of Sumaya's creative spirit and sensibility, in a masterful usage of words and notes in a canvas of colorful polyphonic textures. Let's all hope Chanticleer will record these works sometime soon.

The concert closed with a mass, descriptively titled Polychoral Mass in D major, by yet another unjustifiably neglected Mexican composer, Ignacio de Jerusalem (c. 1710-1769), whose *Second Responsory for St. Joseph* was also heard earlier in the program. According to Craig H. Russell, this Mass in D is one of the three recently discovered at the San Fernando Mission in Los Angeles. It is vibrant and brilliantly written, with open choral sounds so firmly grounded and produced by the ensemble you feel as if you could touch them. The glorious solo sections also afforded those in attendance the opportunity to hear the wonderful individual solo voices within Chanticleer.

If you haven't heard Chanticleer, you either "don't go for that sort of thing" or you don't know what you're missing. A good way to be introduced to these guys may be the ensemble's newly released CD, *Chanticleer on the Air,* a sampler of selections (a disparate collection of de Prez, Monteverdi, Debussy, Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hart and others, which is fun and will have a broad appeal) from live radio appearances. It includes some nice selections, like three pieces from Monteverdi's *Lagrime d'amante al sepolcro dell'amata,* the Kyrie and Agnus Dei from Palestrina's *Missa pro Defunctis,* and Charles Williers Stanford's pretty *The Blue Bird.* Randall Wong (who left Chanticleer to pursue a solo career) has a clear male soprano solo on this last, but I would tend to prefer Chanticleer's more integral recordings. Despite silly foot races and zealous police chiefs who try to look after our moral well-being, count among the blessings of living in the Bay Area the fact that San Francisco is the hometown of Chanticleer.

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BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Manipulating Cultural Reality

In any problematic situation there are many means to an end. Similar goals can have multiple paths toward the same solution. Cultural activism's place in the spectrum of queer rights advocacy deserves more respect and analysis.

For its purveyors, cultural activism is difficult to define, and for its viewers, often difficult to interpret. However, its results, though not obvious, are relevant and powerful.

Grassroots activists are traditionally underfunded. Having little money for advertising, delivering messages to a mass audience becomes difficult. Often, media portrayal, fickle and uncontrollable as it is, is the only option available for widespread conveyance of themes and ideas. Press attention is fleeting at best, creating the need for imaginative, terse, well-designed messages, which have become rote for the new generation of savvy activists.

Guerrilla glue group Boy With Arms Akimbo came onto the scene in August of '89 to protest Jesse Helms' homophobic attack on the National Endowment for the Arts, and later broadened its critique to include other aspects of the establishment. A small, focused group of people working together created a ripple which was felt throughout the world, with their "Sex Is...." posters described by esteemed art critic Douglas Krimp as a post-modern, deconstructionist appropriationist campaign.

Pointy-headed art-speak aside, the impact of the group's pro-sex message echoed around the planet, through the voice of the media and its play in the streets.

On the streets of San Francisco and New York, and on the campus of Yale University, the words and images could not be ignored. Because of their impact, the message showed up in the *New York Times, Newsweek, Art Forum*, and countless other publications.

The Lavender Tortoise's *Gayhound* foray behind the Orange Curtain last year to Disneyland, and planned expeditions to Reno, Las Vegas and a return to the Magic Kingdom, complicate the formula.

Rather than using anger as a forum for presentation, the group touts itself as a "celebration of diversity." As visible, proud homosexuals, the LT provides one of the most exciting new forms of activist interaction, creating a hands-on experience with queer people who would otherwise be invisible to some segments of the population. Its controversy, merely that it exists, brings with it great media play and thus deconstruction.

Queer Nation in its many incarnations across the country may or may not understand its own place in the cultural activist continuum. However, its art, words, and actions combine, forcing the public to look at highlighted topics.

Inside the gay community, activism can be enlightening or divisive. Many people lambast QN for its actions, blinded to the main return that the group has brought into the fray: an aggressive brand of pro-homo activism. Labeled by much of the establishment as militant, QN has proved to the world through its actions that homosexuals will no longer be the passive victims of hatred and violence.

Critics must understand that money does not equal legitimacy, laboring through "proper channels" does not always work, and that the safe and tested course is not the only route available.

ACT UP reinvented activism, utilizing innovative and exciting methods, harnessing progressive technology, and forwarding savvy media techniques which have been emulated by all who followed.

A broader definition of activism allows a greater level of empowerment. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, The Human Rights Campaign Fund, as well as local political clubs, and other *monetarily legitimized* advocacy groups, view themselves as The Fighters of *The* Fight, humoring other lefty groups which occasionally rise into view which offer alternative tactics and goals.

Our society as a whole is a product of cultural circumstances and situational stimuli. By manipulating these stimuli through art, words and other alternatives—society itself can be manipulated.

Homophobia is not a simple, direct problem with a linear solution. Without a variety of strategies providing ideas and energy to combat homophobia, emancipation cannot be achieved.

NOTES FROM CLUBLAND, SICK & TWISTED

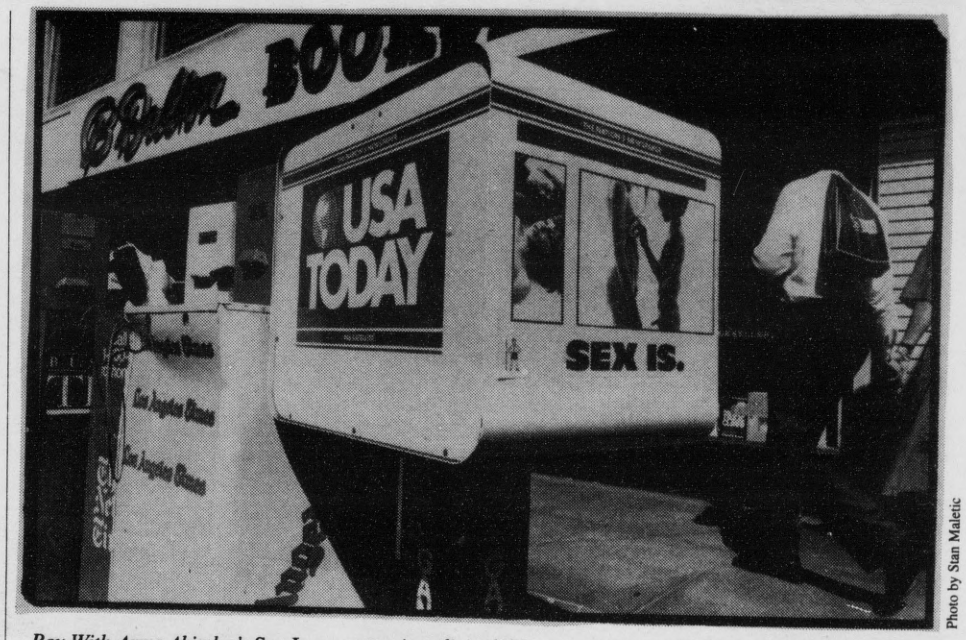
Michael Blue's recent success, ***Camp,*** at The Woods in Russian River, overwhelmed the collected homos who opted to enjoy the uber-twisted retreat.

Arriving late, I was privy to **Jerome**'s late-nite fireside weenie roast and marshmallow conflagration ritual, which brought together an odd ragtag bunch of locals and urbanites around a soothing fire pit.

Though the club in the evening was enjoyable, the weekend together with these people as a whole was fab. City dwellers opting to partake in the next *Camp* can expect to be brought into the fold, and whisked along on a twirled journey through the pseudo-wilderness by **Camp Counselor Ivana**.

Russian River is all about having fun and getting off. Easy-kill cruising is one of the best benefits of a homo resort, since almost everyone becomes fresh meat, and most people have a room or cabin nearby.

Everyone came home with stories to tell. Sunday morning in our hotel room, **Rena McDonald** recounted tales of all-night cruising, climaxing with a man named Larry in the resort's parking lot at 7 am, proffering a pillow case of lingerie for kinky, tweaking, early-morning girl/boy dress-up fun.



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Boy With Arms Akimbo's Sex Is.... *campaign elicited discourse on the multiplicity of sexuality by placing its images in public spaces. (Say that three times fast.)*

Camp will occur one Saturday each month at The Woods, with a half-price room rate for those coming from the City for the weekend. At such an affordable price for such a high return, *Camp* may become a major force in reclaiming the Russian River for homos.

Starting on Friday, May 29, **Mike&Lewis& Nikki**'s latest venture, ***Subtopia,*** emerges onto the nitelife terrain at Cocktails, on 9th and Howard. The music is promised to be less techno/raver, more of an amusing eclectic mixture, and cover charge will be only $4 or $5. Open Fridays until 7 am, the atmosphere created by this trio portends to be highly sexually charged, reminiscent of their old drive-through cruise bar on 14th, Screw.

Subtopia's timing couldn't be better, perhaps mercifully hastening the demise of Friday competitor, **Dekadance**. Recently the End Up club's promoter, Jeff Palmer, has unabashedly claimed the title of most offensive blemish on the surface of Clubland. At best Dekadance serves as Friday's only large, eclectic disco/cruise bar, and at worst flaunts itself as a staple-gun-and-speed-inspired *Tweak Art Spook House*.

In a memo to all End Up bar staff dated May 15, Palmer made statements regarding club courtesy, or complimentary admission, for other bar employees. "I will not tolerate over crowding [sic] our paying customers because some trash that works at Klubstitute has come with an entourage of ten people." Later in the memo he refers to general End Up employees as "idiots," adding the fuel of alienation to his pyre.

Club courtesy is one of the potential benefits of being overexposed in the nitelife scene, and it is an *option* for promoters to honor it, not a given. Without the additional peppering of colorful club regulars and personalities normally comp'd, however, clubs become gray and uninteresting freeway off-ramps. Dekadance has already reached that point, and with the addition of this memo may have launched itself into the stratosphere beyond tired.

For the promoter of such an uninteresting

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Eros Unchained:
Safe Sex Club Opens In the Castro

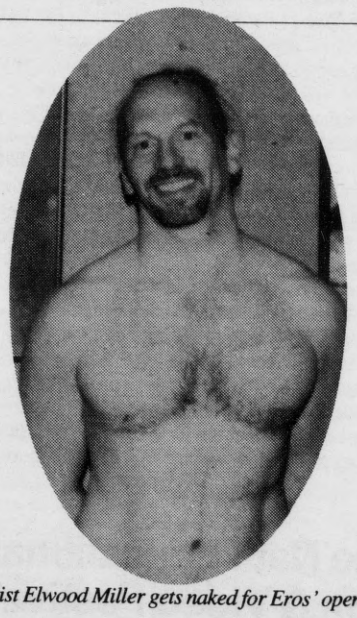
BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

Here I am in just a T-shirt, walking through the upstairs playroom of Eros on a Saturday night. I'm a journalist but I'm forgetting to note the very details I set out to remember. I couldn't very well carry a notepad. And there were just too many distractions. What's a queer reporter to do?

Men are walking around in various states of undress, some nude, but most wearing T-shirts and underwear or just underwear. All too seldom for my liking, someone breaks the monotony of the endless walking to grope someone else's genitals or pinch another man's nipples. Occasionally, a group sex scene erupts. And sometimes men climb on one of the platforms stationed in the curtained-off areas, and fuck or jerk each other off. A man approaches me and...well, we're wiping ourselves off when I make a mental note that paper towels, lubricant and condoms are abundant—offered on handy carts throughout the play area. A definite plus.

The lighting is brighter than the other local sex clubs I've been to—you can actually see the person you're cruising. Now there's a radical idea.

On this particular night I'm mostly walking through the areas over and over again, watching men cruise and grope, and listening to the sounds of flesh being manipulated, asses being slapped or men coming loudly. I observe that my bare feet don't stick to the floor (see, I noticed something other than the obvious) and that the bathroom is clean. Even the hallway is bright and cheery.



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Artist Elwood Miller gets naked for Eros' opening

I like watching men prowl and fuck. That's part of the appeal of a sex club. But Eros' environment is sterile. Gone is the sleaziness of some of San Francisco's other sex clubs. Eros is almost hospital-like in its use of track lighting, vinyl-covered platforms, and light-colored floor tiling and curtains. Granted, cleanliness is more than desirable, but a little sleaze—darker corners, narrower pathways, glory holes, something—would help.

Eros is more like the baths in Berkeley than the South of Market dens. It even offers a cozy cafe and snack bar on the first floor. Eros is the kind of place you'd be proud to bring your mother to; it's that homey.

And it's serious about safe sex. Upon entering, I was handed a card with safe sex guidelines and told to read it over. When I went to the counter to pay, the man handed me my six-month membership card and asked me to tell him what safe sex meant.

But I was disappointed that all but one of the men in the playroom were white and in their mid-to-late thirties. Typical of the club's clientele? I hope not. In a city like San Francisco, one expects that a safe sex club would draw men of all races and ages.

Bob West, co-owner of Eros, told *SF Bay Times* that the club has a "multiracial staff" and is making "every effort to appeal to a cross-section" of the queer community. He says that the club is only three weeks old and doesn't yet have a set clientele. He assures me that the crowd the Saturday night before was more diverse in terms of race and age.

"We're trying to make it known that everybody is welcome," says West. "We're trying to provide events that will bring in a cross-section."

West says the club is designed to combine education and recreation "all under one roof. We're taking safe sex to the next level, beyond teaching—reinforcing sex-positive attitudes. It's a place to practice, have it reinforced." In addition to the Saturday men's night, there is a Friday men and women's night. On June 5 there will be a lesbian event that may be the start of a regular women's night, if it goes over well. West says the club also hosts meetings and other events as well.

West says the club is "up to snuff" on all building and city codes. "I personally walked the fire marshal through myself," he says. "Our intention is to be a legal and legitimate facility."

Eros definitely has that feeling.

FILM

BY RANDY TUROFF

Raspad

Translated from the Russian, "raspad" means collapse, as in social breakdown and nuclear meltdown. The film *Raspad,* by Ukrainian filmmaker Mikhail Belikov, had its world premiere at Cannes and is now starting its North American run at the Kabuki Theatre. The film is a fictionalized account of Chernobyl, based on fact and turned into a chilling screenplay by Mikhail Belikov, who was living in Kiev, some 70 miles south of Chernobyl, when the nuclear power station exploded and caught fire. He lost friends and family in the disaster, and he continues to bear witness to the extended effects of radiation poisoning in his fellow countrymen.

The cinematic style of *Raspad* is spare and unsentimental, narratively jumpy, and technoimagistic. Only the very beginning of the film shows any semblance of social stability: people living their lives in a mundane manner, sitting around a dinner table and watching bicycle races on the TV. The rest of the movie shows life lived in chaos, hanging on the line of deceptive half-truths and suffering from the consequences of terminal mendacity. Drunkenness, paranoia, sickness, grief and fear of the apocalypse become the mainstay of the lifestyle of the once blithely successful young professional Russian sophisticates. Along with the Chernobyl workers and Ukrainian peasants, their children have been marked and their futures tainted by the irreversible disaster. The slide of postmodern Russia into what appears to be its end-times may very well have begun with the demise of Chernobyl.

Raspad opens with a home slide-show of Greece, presented by a journalist to a group of his jaded friends. While he was away, his wife cheated on him, and he in turn betrayed a promise he had made to his father before leaving. Belikov sets up a parallelism which runs throughout the film, showing social collapse on every level, where everybody lives on some sort of personal fault zone about to quake.

Within this context, the Chernobyl disaster occurs. On April 26, 1986, Reactor Number 4 at the nuclear power station caught on fire and exploded, releasing huge amounts of radioactivity into the surrounding area. Rumors of the disaster spread like wildfire. However, the press kept silent, and official Soviet acknowledgment of the disaster did not appear for 18 days. To date, the "official" death count is 31, but other figures arrived at from "unofficial" local sources set the actual figure as between 7,000 and 10,000 people. Lethal childhood cancers have been afflicting children in unheard-of proportions. But this is not what Belikov dwells upon.

Raspad is the story of Chernobyl as it was happening. His filming of mass exodus scenes, of people being transported on buses out of the town of Pripyat, of endless caravans of bikes and motorcycles winding their way through the huge forests, is frighteningly effective. Some powerful images linger in the mind. The hysteria at the train station, with people pushing and stampeding and bribing each other with black market tickets, is accentuated in its baseness by our knowledge that all seats have already been reserved for government officials and VIPs. Another strong image is of a young couple who had been camping in the woods having their idyllic honeymoon interrupted by soldiers in hoods, goggles and gas masks planting radiation contamination signs all around their campsite.

But perhaps the most potent image in the film is the aerial shot from the news helicopter. Miles and miles of evacuated empty concrete apartment buildings stand in a landscape devoid of life. The trees in the area are like wooden pieces on a pegboard set. The radiation energy levels are sizzling and yet everything is cold and quiet. Suddenly, the helicopter flies over a patch of pavement where a small boy is writing a message in chalk: "Mother, I've Come Home. Please Come Back." We recognize the boy from a previous segment of the film where he was being evacuated along with everyone in the apartment buildings. We remember him wandering alone in the holding center, watching a woman spontaneously abort a fetus in the makeshift clinic. In the last fragment of this character's sparse story, the camera zooms in on a closeup of him ravaged by radiation sickness, lying next to a dying cat.

Raspad was filmed by Belikov and his 12-man crew three years after the disaster. He worked on actual locations in Pripyat where the Chernobyl workers had once lived, and he filmed inside the nuclear power plant itself. In fact, Belikov experienced some radiation sickness while filming, and he temporarily lost all his hair. Belikov is obviously a man with a mission, and thanks to his hooking up with Peter Almond, a San Francisco producer, and subsequent funding from the Pacific Film Fund, Belikov was able to get this vision onto the screen. Now it's up to us to go see the film and understand the significance of Chernobyl, as told to us by someone with a complex and far-reaching point of view who was actually there.

The Nat'l Educational Film & Video Festival

From May 20-31, The National Educational Film and Video Festival is being held in a number of venues both in Oakland and in San Francisco—places such as the Grand Lake Theatre, the Oakland Coliseum, The Parc Oakland Hotel and the San Francisco Exploratorium. The event has everything from lectures on trends in the educational market to interactive videodisc workshops to the screening of a large and diverse number of top-notch short films and favorites from other festivals and film showings.

Although the title of the festival has a kind of dry and earnest sound to it, the featured films are some of the best independently produced short films around. The gay community is well-represented, with films like Debra Chasnoff's Academy Award-winning *Deadly Deception,* Peter Adair's *Absolutely Positive*, the lesbian/gay AIDS activism film *Voices From the Front*, Marlon Riggs' *Color Adjustment* and some others. If you've missed Pamela Briggs' *Funny Ladies*—a film about women cartoonists—in the past, you can see it at the Exploratorium. Cutting-edge computer animation also comes to the Exploratorium with Geoffrey de Valois' 1991 *Computer Visions*. There's also a large selection of films of Native peoples from the Navajos to the Inuits, incorporating themes from maintaining cultural traditions to cultural assimilation to living as a young HIV-positive woman in an Indian community on Vancouver Island.

Educational films these days are really most often alternative documentaries or small independent features. Many are politically incisive, some are technically innovative, and a large majority have a distinctly personal feel to them, whether they're describing three generations of family life in the Catskills or overdevelopment and the loss of native land and culture on the Big Island of Hawaii. These types of films offer people a chance to tell and distribute their stories to other people who are interested in hearing and learning from them. Having and developing new public broadcasting outlets helps implant alternative points of view into mainstream consciousness. It also enables dispersed, like-minded individuals and cultures to connect across distances and time.

The popularization of educational films and videos is certainly a fast-growing phenomenon. Go to your local video store and you'll see the expanding rental section for all sorts of documentaries and educationally entertaining material. One of my favorite sections at a local Castro video store is the sub-section of documentaries they've labeled "Weird". In the "weird" section you can rent good videos on things from Visions of the Apocalypse to Mystic Fire Productions of Tantric Images in India to the "Ring of Fire" series, where, for instance, a couple of bizarre brothers produced an offbeat study of Indonesian supernatural spiritualities in videos like *East of Krakatau* or *Spice Islands*.

As for this year's upcoming National Educational Film and Video Festival, there are a number of good films, including the rabble-rousing *Guerrillas in Our Midst*.

Guerrillas In Our Midst, a 1992 film by Amy Harrison, is a terrific expose of the sleazy procurement, trading, distribution, and selling of works of art in Manhattan as seen through the eyes of hip, angry women artists. The women have formed a group of anonymous artists and art-world professionals who wear gorilla masks and who take their political activism into the streets, galleries, and museums to protest their maltreatment by the white male art establishment. They perform their guerrilla activities with wit, irony and style. Through their incognito stance, each woman is able to speak for and represent the group's political agenda, stripped of the notions of personality, ego, status or sex appeal. No one can attack them personally. The women have appeared in costume on TV, at art symposia, even at corporate board of directors' meetings.

The Guerrilla Girls routinely paper Soho with well-designed postmodern posters which tell the story with simple, bold and graphic gestures and statistics. The message on one of the more than 30 original posters reads like this: "How Many Women Had One-Person Exhibitions At NYC Museums Last Year? . . . Guggenheim-0, Metropolitan-0, Modern-1, Whitney-0." The Guerrilla Girls have been at it for over five years already and they've made some progress both in getting the art world to think about gender and race discrimination and in actually converting a few gallery owners into showing more female artists' work. They've also made a lot of enemies.

Guerrillas in Our Midst is stylish, fun and outrageous. According to a masked Guerrilla Girl interviewed on CBS, things have gotten worse for women visual artists in the last 10 years. A universal art market does not exist. As for the advantages of being a woman artist, the Guerrilla Girls wryly list a few, including: not being burdened with success and not being stuck in a tenured university position. The Guerrilla Girls are not calling for quotas, but they are targeting offending galleries and critics who only take the male gender seriously. The girls want to change a market where 92 percent of solo shows go to men and where a museum like the Whitney has never given a show to any African-American artist. On the most basic level, the message from the Guerrilla Girls to the art world is that it's hip not to discriminate and it's uncool to be racist and sexist.

Call (510) 465-6885 for information schedule.

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badly maintained, uninspired, drab, seedy cover-charge cruise bar to call anyone else trash, though entertaining in a twisted way, is patently offensive.

In support of my Klubstitute trash friends, I know I won't be returning to Dekadance, and I suggest others follow a similar course of action.

Down Harrison Street to 11th at the DNA Lounge, pleasant, friendly and emotionally stable promoter **Nancy Kravitz** will present her irregular *Poon Town* apparition, **Female Trouble,** Thursday, June 11. The show features Pat Wilder & Shauna Hall (ex-4 Non Blonde), Angel Corpus Christi, and Kobalt Blue, featuring Shred Mistress Rynata. Showtime is an early 8 pm. Nancy's gatherings are always worth looking forward to.

The highly celebrated boldface-inducing trash of Klubstitute, specifically **Tony Vaguely's Sick & Twisted Players**, will be presenting another soon-to-be-cult-classic, **Rosemary's Baby,** at Klubstitute and Klubstitute East Bay, Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, with showtime at 11.

Resource Guide...

who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets monthly on Sun in SF. Free. Discussion followed by social hour. Also special activities. Call 647-0413 for info/location.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.
Gay Men's Support Group: Tues eves in SF. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment & open to sharing in a structured setting are welcome. Info: Greg 626-1197.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC. PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info to write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexuals of Color: Open to FTMs & MTFs, pre-and post-ops. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn: TC.
Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.
T-ART: Transgendered artists/writers network. Open to TSs/CDs who are serious, reliable & interested in feedback & networking. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn T-ART.
Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.
Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.
QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Wmen's Health Services and LYRIC. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.
Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

OPEN EXCHANGE

■ HELP WANTED

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Large, very busy HIV practice is looking for an experienced, responsible and organized individual to assist in medical exams, phlebotomy, specimen prep, patient processing, refill requests, report filing and organization of open-label protocols. Successful candidates must demonstrate a desire to learn and the discipline to do so. Gay-sensitive and HIV-aware required. Send resumes to: Joseph D. Robinson, 1635 Divisadero St., Suite 600, SF, CA 94115.

Grantwriter for nonprofit project for lesbians of African descent. Must have proven record of fundraising for gay and lesbian organizations. Percentage negotiable. Women of color encouraged to apply. (510) 832-2638.

Ad Sales Position. On Our Backs magazine is looking for a motivated, creative, hard-working individual to take charge of our ad sales department. We've got potential, do you? Display Ad sales exp. necessary. 20 hrs wk, hourly + commission. Send resume to: Shar, 526 Castro St, SF 94114.

Marine Assistant: Professional yacht restoration company. Duties include varnishing, sanding, buffing, cleaning. Requires vehicle. Desire prior experience but may train right person. Full-time permanent. Highly successful company to grow with. No smokers, drinkers, druggers. Regina (510) 601-1910.

Cruise Ship/Casino/Hotel Jobs: Hiring part-time and full-time. All type positions. Exciting work. Excellent income. 1-800-827-5885 ext P3049K.

Collective Organic Food Store Is Hiring: Inner Sunset Community Food Store is hiring 2-3 collective members. Apply in person. 1319 20th Ave (between Lincoln and Judah). 664-5363.

Clinical Supervisor: Adult residential treatment experience, some direct client contact. $24,240 per year + benefits. Send resume to: Baker Places, Inc (BT/CSOR), 2144 Hayes St, SF 94117. People of color and women encouraged to apply. EOE.

The Parade Committee seeks a part-timer for various office administrative assistant duties. Experience with IBM computers, WordPerfect 5.1, Lotus 1-2-3, Rapid File & general office duties is required. Tying WPM should be 40WPM +. Call (415) 864-FREE.

■ RESEARCH

Beauticians, Fashion Industry Workers who are feminists needed for research project. Woman writer seeks sources & interviews. Please share.Reply BT Box MY900B.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Facilitator Training for Women's Cancer Resource Center. Support group facilitators who have or have had cancer. Women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

Volunteers Needed: Support for women with cancer at Highland Hospital. Multilingual, women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

Attractive Non-Profit Seeks Relationship-Oriented Volunteers: Help Healing Alternatives Foundation provide access to alternative treatments and vital information for people living with HIV/AIDS. Call Steven at 626-4053, Wed-Sat, 1-5 pm.

■ PARENTING

Seeking co-parenting or known donor situation? Call (510) 841-4663.

To be/come or not to be/come a lesbian mom? Group to explore & clarify feelings and gain info appropriate for beginning stages as well as if you're already inseminating, pregnant, or involved in an adoption process. 10 wks. $20/eve. Workshops also. EB. Heather Taylor, MFCC. (510) 843-4854.

■ MARRIAGE

Nice GWM seeks educated woman for marriage of convenience. (415) 776-2137.

■ FOR SALE

Children's Books about gay and lesbian families and dealing with AIDS. $2.00 to Purple Crayon, 4110 Opal St, Oakland, 94609.

NY for free! Well, almost! Two roundtrip, nonstop tickets from SFO to JFK. $295 each! 7/3-7/12. (415) 285-2908.

Two nights for two at Gay SF B&B. $75/BO. Details: 647-8482.

■ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Secretarial Temp Services: Reasonable rates. 333-9340. Ask for Angela.

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■ BUSINESS RENTAL

Office for Rent in therapy building, 23rd/Valencia, part/full days until January '93. Appropriate for therapist, bodyworker, other quiet business. 821-1015.

Share cheap attractive Emeryville office space, possibly equipment. Ideal for writer, one-person business. Leslie (510) 420-0525.

Beautiful Office Sublet in Noe Valley. Spacious, view, waiting room, kitchen & more! For counselor, consultant, acupuncture, etc. Available Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. Rent neg. Call (707) 874-3226.

■ VACATION RENTAL

Sallie & Eileen's Place, vacation cabins for women. Mendocino (707) 937-2028.

Russian River House. 4 bedrooms, on the river, private beach, 1 acre fenced yard, fireplace. $750/week, $300/weekend. 282-1109.

Wildflower Ridge. Secluded cabin for women near Mendocino. Kitchen $45/night. (510) 735-2079.

Russian River Getaway in the Redwoods. 2 bedroom, bath, living room, dining area, full kitchen, decks. 1 mile west of Guerneville. $150 weekend, $300 week. (415) 566-5451.

Lesbian Paradise! With 20 charming rooms. 100 mountain acres, pool, hot tub, hiking/skiing trails, peace & privacy, we're your perfect vacation choice year round! Highlands Inn, Box 118 CU, Bethlehem, NH 03574. (603) 869-3978.

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Russian River Retreat. 2 bedrooms, hot tub, pool, decks, views, secluded. Sleeps 6, all amenities. $225/weekend and weekly rates. 751-1334.

Sappho's, hostel. For womyn, near Fulton and Fillmore. Call 775-3243. $15 per night.

Holly's Place Tahoe. Wonderful women's retreat. Meet new friends. Hiking, sunbathing, bicycling, great barbeques, volleyball, hot tub, lake & all recreation close by. Private rooms $50-$60. Cabins $85-$125. Group discounts. 1-800-745-7041. Outside smoking only.

Valley Creek Cottage—So. Oregon B&B. Private guesthouse, hot tub, TV/VCR, sundeck. (503)476-8812.

UN-TU-WU Guest Cottage. Charming one-bedroom, on one acre nr. Russian River. Sleeps 4. Fully equipped. Reasonable. (415) 738-1926.

Woodhaven: An alcohol/drug/tobacco-free retreat for women in beautiful Mendocino. (707) 937-1546.

■ BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Joint Business Venture: Wish to do business with gay/lesbian business owners. KT&T, a public pay phone management company, is seeking pay phone locations. New or replace Pacific Bell. 20 percent commision. Call (415) 985-5258.

■ REAL ESTATE

For sale by owner: 50 percent share of tenants in common, 3 unit building in the Castro near 19th St and Collingwood. (415) 626-6240.

■ ROOMS FOR RENT

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■ HOUSING SOUGHT

Vancouver Calling!!! 1 or 2 women need accomodation for Gay Pride. Exchange accomodation here. Spare room or park my truck? Write: Leigh Cousins, 2921 Grant St, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K-346.

Seeks Housing in Amsterdam. Woman seeks long-term rental in Amsterdam, low rent. Reward for information. Write PO Box 177 Villa Grande, Calif 95486.

Lesbian Photographer/Filmmaker seeks share (house or flat) with one responsible, creative, fun individual. Max $600. (510) 839-7569.

■ SUBLET

$550 Rus. Hill. 6/1-8/30. Deck. Sunny. New. 931-3140.

1 **large bedroom** w/fireplace available June 15-Sept 1. $330 plus ¼ util. Near SF State, MUNI. Washer/dryer. Furnished. Share with 3 wonderful fun-loving lesbians of color (Asian/Latina). Call CJ 334-5040 anytime.

■ APT FOR RENT

Large, sunny studio. Walk-in closet, laundry. Laguna/Waller. $595. 864-3762.

Potrero Hill. Large 2 BDRM, plus two extra rms, 2 baths, jacuzzi, dishwasher, view. $1390. 647-3299.

■ APT TO SHARE

To Share Apartment: with artist/typesetter, music lover. A sunny, quiet room overlooking gardens in fully furnished 2 bedroom apartment. Share kitchen, living room, dining room, bath. Haight near Duboce Park. Good transportation. Available June. Nonsmoking lesbian without pets sought. $410 mo/½ utilities/deposit. 431-9414.

Help! Quiet, clean gay woman, 44, on limited income, needs roommate to keep apt. Large studio, bath/shower combination, nice size kitchen. Large main room has walk-in closet. Smoker OK. No drugs or alcohol. Elevator, laundry room in building. $275.50 plus ½ utilities. Call Dixie 922-4628.

$433. Potrero Hill. Two lesbians with two dogs seeking woman to share large flat. Views, fireplace, washer/dryer, parking, public transportation, deck. (415) 647-5491, (415) 285-5650.

Home Sweet Home: I need one terrific **Lesbian** roommate to share Sunset flat. $325 month + ½ util. The flat is nice: hardwood floors, fireplace, 2 car garage and backyard. I am a photographer, I don't drink, smoke. I have 3 cats, so no dogs. Call 661-3878 or leave message 824-9737.

■ HOUSE TO SHARE

Commuter Housemate Wanted. Clean, sober, nonsmoking lesbian couple in lovely, clean San Francisco home—fireplace, view. Has furnished, quiet bedroom available during week. Parking & convenient access to freeways. $350. 587-1131.

Bernal Heights. Lesbian and cat seek roommate to share large sunny house. Deck, view, fireplace, W/D. $425. No smoking. Prefer someone who works days. 648-6861.

Gay or lesbian wanted to share 2 bedroom house with woman in Kentfield. Laundry, hot tub, fire. Close to bus, ferry, commuter lines. Available now. $400 + utilities. 459-1627.

Redwood Heights, Oakland Hills, professional woman to share home. Bedroom and bathroom suite, great view and yard, nonsmoker. I have two cats. $500 + ½ util. (510) 530-7849.

Responsible female roommate wanted to share lovely, rustic 2BR Montclair home overlooking

trees. Wood stove, decks. Share w/nice professional woman and one sweet cat. $495 (negotiable). Deborah (510) 339-3505.

Fremont. Share 3BR home. $350 plus utlities. Freeways/BART nearby. (510) 713-8804.

Lesbian has two large bedrooms available in Bernal Heights home. Over 35, sorry, no more pets; deck, W/D, $450 ea. room, incl. utilities. 647-3547.

Lesbian, 43, daughter, 5 (home part-time) seek lesbian for 3 bedroom Oakland house ($425 neg). Office/workspace available. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. (510) 261-0177.

Gorgeous Mediterranean Home: 3 BR, 3 BA in Sunset. Includes private elegant bedroom + bath and garage space. W/D, modern kitchen, deck/patio, hardwood floors, carpet, fireplace, storage, and more. 1 block from public transportation + shops. Call (415) 776-7763 or (410) 563-3968. Share w/lesbian resident. Cost $500 /$550.

House to share: 2 lesbians & 2 cats want to share large home with nonsmoking lesbian couple or single. Own bedroom & bathroom. Deck, fireplace, yard. Quiet, near beach and park. $600 + ⅓ util. (415) 731-0714.

Male Couple in Marin looking for others to form communal household. Healthy lifestyle (NS/ND), enjoy nature, interested in community-building, healing the earth and ourselves. Interested? Call (415) 586-4681.

Upper Market/Noe Valley: Lesbian couple seeks gay man/lesbian or couple to share sunny house. Large bedroom w/view, office, own bath. Amenities! W/D, parking. No smoking. $675/individual, $750/couple. 641-9861.

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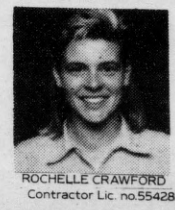

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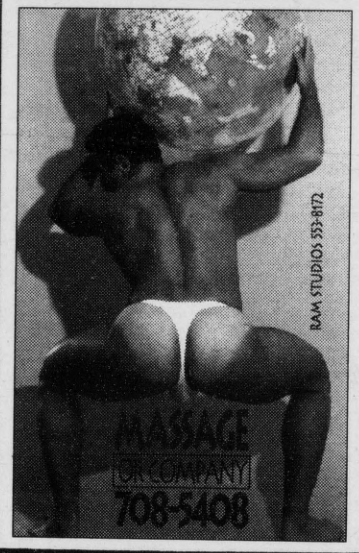

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Spin The Bitch
Wanted: Soft butch to kick up my heels with! (No, not that way, yet!) Would enjoy a country/western dance partner who is equally comfortable leading and following. Seeking fun, friendship and lots of dancing. I am 36 y.o. professional GWF, 5'4", medium build. The rest? You decide. Communication, honesty and taking good care of myself are priorities. Will appreciate someone with same values. Light drinking OK, no drugs or heavy drinkers please. Friendship is most important—anything extra would be a bonus. See you on the dance floor! Reply BT Box MY2B or call ★★7746.

Are You A Real Butch?
Not a wannabe. I am a 38-yr.-old femme who is assertive but likes authority at times. I am appreciative of art, music, dance and identify with my Jewish heritage. I would like to meet women with brains and the psyche of James Dean. Together we would be spontaneous, passionate and comfortable physically. Please, no vocational problems. If you are strong and sweet please call ★★7747.

"Spread These Wings..."
And I'm on for the ride." Androgynous-on-the-edge-of-butch woman wants to wrap her long legs around... your motorcycle seat! I'm leaving SF for an undetermined period of time soon and want this year's Parade to be the most memorable. Don't ride down Market Street alone—take me with you! Afterward, I will take you to an SF restaurant of your choice (one that considers jeans and boots proper attire, of course). And if the night gets heavy, perhaps we'll take a ride of a different kind. Write (don't forget to enclose a phone number): Boxholder, PO Box 29803, Oakland 24604 or call ★★7748.

Intimacy Reconsidered, Explained
I am taking a look at my programming regarding sex, love and intimacy. Many "relationships" between women are based on patriarchal models which are not appropriate for us. Rather than question these models many women try to modify themselves to fit into these models and feel crazy and inadequate because they can't. Come on, women, we are much bigger than that. Beautiful, fun-loving, active, physically fit & creative GBF, 32, seeks loving, progressive women for intimate friendships. 2261 Market St., #235, SF 94114 or call ★★7749.

Delightful Expectations
Easy-going, attractive GWF, 38, seeks to meet late 30s+ woman who possesses warmth, emotional maturity, intelligence and a sense of humor, to add romance and perhaps a lasting relationship to a well-balanced life. I'm of average height and weight, affectionate, witty, emotionally and financially secure. I'm fond of quality time spent with friends and family, long walks, jazz, films, dining in and out on the town, as well as weekend getaways. I'm not looking for a clone, but if your qualities complement and any of this delights your expectations, what are you waiting for? Reply BT Box MY3B or call ★★7750.

"Great Women Are Hard To Find"
Is there a woman of grace and charm for whom aging is synonymous with achievement, not disintegration? I'm in my mid-sixties, very attractive, slender, erudite, bright, Jewish, political. Would love to share at least some of my interests: Music, ballet, theater, the arts, museums, gourmet dining, good interesting conversations, with a woman of wit, taste, class and style. Refined, independent. PO Box 425, Corte Madera 94976-0425.

Aural Invitation
Strong, lean, 29, unafraid, provocative, aware, self-disciplined, erotic, tribal, writer, backpacker, a bit serious but easily amused, love kids, seeking similar women for journeys of heart & soul, mind and body. Call ★★7751.

Women
East Bay African-American, 40, long hair, feminine, new to family, with wide assortment of tastes and interests (including Sunday morning in bed with Peet's and Joe Bob Briggs) seeks: independent, considerate someone who will bring to the table her own smorgasbord of interests. Friendless, hairy-pitted, buzz cut, leather babes or the emotionally needy need not respond. Call ★★7752.

Looking For A Weekend Home In The Country?
Long-term lesbian professional couple, ages 52 and 38, with 20-acre weekend farm in very isolated, beautiful mountain valley, 3½ hours north of SF (Round Valley in northeast Mendocino County) would like to interest other lesbians and gays in buying property so we can have some company!! Real estate is very cheap, the scenery is spectacular, outdoor recreation is bountiful. Call ★★7753.

Passion And Presence
Ninety percent of the people in the world are too busy searching for meaning outside themselves to stay in appreciation and gratitude. Do your friends think you're wierd because you smile, see the good in situations, are frustrated by superficial conversations and pride yourself in knowing what you want in bed? Me too. Intelligent, spiritual nonsmoker, 30 y.o., lover of life invites you to experience joyous integrity in the midst of a 45-minute kiss that does not diminish with time. Reply BT Box MY4B or call ★★7754.

I Deserve A Daddy
This daddy's little girl is 22, politically aware, firm bodied (although very curvy) and would love a top or switch to play with—mutual respect mandatory. I do leather (black), 501s (faded), engineer boots and trashy lingerie. You should be a strong butch, quick-witted and pack a big dick. I like rough sex, forced submission and discipline scenes... femme drag considered for the right daddy. Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., #485, SF 94114 or call ★★7755.

"North Of The Golden Gate"
Cowgirl at heart who likes a good romp in the hay and good conversation. Pleasure and quality time is in this lifetime for us. I would like to meet a woman who would like to move in with me on my boat or have a close relationship. I'm 30 y.o., 145 lbs., long dark hair and cute GWF. Clean and sober. Smoking OK. Pets OK. Emotionally available gets my attention. I've been out 17 years. I enjoy giving and receiving. I'm not rich, not poor and not perfect, but a lot of fun. Life is short, call or write soon. Reply BT Box MY5B or call ★★7756.

Passionate Peninsula Soft Butch
Knows what she wants! A loving, caring, affectionate, supportive relationship with a woman who isn't afraid to love, laugh and enjoy all the ups and downs a truly sexual and intense monogamous relationship brings. Candles, soft music, romance, touching, communication! A woman 35+, any race, weight, but sure of herself and who she is, what she wants. Let's join minds and bodies and work together on the relationship of our dreams. Reply BT Box MY6B or call ★★7757.

Bodacious, Boot-Clad Bi-Dyke
(But enough of the annoying alliteration.) I'm one of those 20-something white girls with red lipstick (sometimes), a weird-do, and generally eclectic tastes. I feel rage and I like to laugh. Ashamed to admit that I'm a "nice girl" at heart, but warning: Diva in closet. I have a keen eye for butch Romeos, andro-girls and older dykes... Call ★★7758.

In A City
With more lesbians than housing you wonder why there aren't any places to meet. I'm seeking 27+ yrs., nonsmoking, educated, intelligent, professional women who know that when all is said & done a sense of humor is what gets you through life—not to mention this ad. My "enjoys" include law, cafes, abundant coffee, long drives, racquetball & tempered smart-asses. Would love to have a potluck for all who respond. Call ★★7759.

Me: WBF, 22, pretty, average size, mostly feminine, liberal, capricious, creative, articulate, bohemian artist, into writing, photography, jewelry-making. A big shy w/women due 2 inexperience. I have a beautiful toddler daughter, still breast-feeding. I want 2 kiss/cuddle in light, romantic affair w/a lesbian/bisexual woman, white/black, age open, unpossessive, patient, sensitive, sweet, approximately average size, mostly feminine in dress/manner. No smoking/drugs. Write/call. Thanks! Reply BT Box MY7B or call ★★7760.

Jesus H. Chrysler!
Who wants to help break in my new dick, spank me sweetly with my whip, pick me up (I'll go drag for you baby anyway you wish) & land me in heaven? Sexy, wicked, funny, 22 y.o. GF with suspicious nature, dirty mind & nice behind needs lover to sleep, bathe & drink Southern Comfort on foggy nights with. Butches especially welcome. 1001 Page, #41, SF 94110 or call ★★7761. Letters = better.

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Solid Midwestern Credentials
Tomboy at heart, looking for new friends. Sense of humor a must, cynicism a plus. Want to meet athletic women to go to A's games and who aren't afraid to wear plaid on the golf course (optional). I'm 38 and tired of falling asleep on my couch at 9:00. Help save me from cable TV. Looking for women, 35-40; light drinking and smoking OK. No 12-steppers need apply, but would consider 2-steppers. Reply BT Box MY9B or call ★★7763.

New Yorican Butch
Arrived from New York in 1977 and never been back. Late 40s, Puerto Rican professional living in my own home with terrier. Want companion to enjoy life and people. Interests: Golf, travel, camping, mystery movies, gambling and friends. If you are thoughtful, mature, honest, affectionate and have a good sense of humor, "Can we talk?" Reply BT Box MY10B or call ★★7764.

Want To Fuck & Explore SM?
I am looking for woman who wants to have sex without being in a committed relationship since I have a lover. I am a novice (9 months) in the SM scene. I switch. If you are looking for someone to learn with and explore the different aspects of SM, you have found her. I am in my mid-forties, professional, working on abuse issues, like to talk straight. I identify myself as a soft butch. Please call. I am anxiously waiting. Reply BT Box MY11B or call ★★7765.

Raging Case Of Spring Fever... But Otherwise Healthy
Very queer bi gal desires a passionate, romantic friendship. I love tall, open-minded women who are able to appreciate a big, pretty, irreverent woman of fine and unusual qualities. Special attention will be paid to those who like food, those who like dogs (dare I say better than cats?), who like weird art and soppy movies, cemeteries, road trips and secret sex in public places. Call quickly... no one's ever accused me of being patient. Call ★★7766.

Weekend Working
Down-to-earth aggie/hippie dyke from Sonoma Co. looking for someone to play with during the week. I'm 35 yrs. old, politically flexible, great sense of humor. Lifestyle includes: Livestock, laughter, lesbians, hiking, packing, mountains—trout fishing, camping, etc., canoeing, Thai food, CW dancing, reading, travel. No drugs, smoking or TV, light drinking. Sound interesting? Then don't be shy & give me a try! Call ★★7767.

East Bay Woman
Looking for someone to enjoy some outdoor fun. It's summertime! I enjoy the beaches, A's games, camping, music, kite flying. I'm 37 and feeling young. If you are also 33-40, single, goodhearted, easy-going, and like dogs, call! Call ★★7768.

Femme Looking For Fun!
I like to laugh, see movies, go to garage sales, go out for a burrito and have fun. I am 33 years old, Caucasian, looking for a soft butch. Life's too short to hold back. Call me and let's talk. Call ★★7769.

Push The Limits
I am looking for a partner with whom I can test the sexual and emotional limits of intimacy. I am 46, Jewish, voluptuous, smart, kind, funny, stable and pretty. I live in the East Bay. I have been in therapy long enough to learn how much work I have to do and to have made a really good start at it. Please no heavy drinkers, heavy drugs or smokers. Reply BT Box MY12B

My Fantasy Is
To ride on the back of a bike of a dyke on a bike in the Parade. I be bi, 5'5", 125, short brown hair (darn), with a quirky sense of humor. I gots a black leather miniskirt, jacket, fuck-me boots and leopard-skin pumps. Preferably you're handsome, muscular, friendly and funny. Let's have fun. Call ★★7771.

Seriously Interested
In a loving, romantic, silly, intense, intelligently engineered partnership with a woman who can appreciate cultural diversity, wooded adventures, strong coffee, toy stores.... I will reply to all correspondence. Reply BT Box MY13B.

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Alto seeks passionate prima donna for beautiful music experiences. Also seeking reasonable company for Tuesday and Wednesday Rossini festival. Call ★★7772.

Ice Cream-Loving Lesbian
Wants to meet fun Jewish dykes (30+) to hang with. Dancing, theater and weekend get-aways are a few of the many things I enjoy. Of course no smokers, drinkers or bisexuals. Extra points for having a bicycle, dog or cat, or subscription to Utne. Call ★★7773.

Wanna Have Some Fun?
I'm a 31-year-old, playful, adventurous, have a good sense of humor, financially secure, lovable person. I enjoy the outdoors, such as: swimming, camping, skiing and traveling. I enjoy going to the movies, dancing, socializing with friends and family, going away on weekends and most of all I enjoy life. Looking for someone who has the same qualities as I do. I live in Contra Costa County but you can write to PO Box 5451, Vallejo 94591 or call ★★7774.

Stranger Than Paradise
Is my favorite movie, and "Love and Rockets" my favorite comic book. I love reading Armistead Maupin and Audre Lorde (among others), and listening to the Indigo Girls and Throwing Muses (among others). If any of this means anything to you, give me a call. I'm 30 years old, new to Sonoma County (formerly of Lesbianville, USA, aka Northampton, Mass.), and looking for women to hang out with. Act now and you'll also get the ginsu knives... Reply BT Box MY14B or call ★★7775.

Let's Have Some Fun
40-year-old single GBF seeks women of all cultures who, like myself, are tired of spending weekends alone. Let's go hiking, bicycling, do movies, dinner, the theater, museums, etc. I'm particularly attracted to physically fit, feminine women without kids, but if you don't fit the bill, let's at least try to become friends. Call or write and let's start getting to know one another. Reply BT Box MY15B or call ★★7776.

Hannibal The Cannibal And I Have Much In Common
We both like attractive, feminine women who dress well; we read a lot, have a warped sense of humor, and, whenever possible, have old friends for dinner. We've both been alone too long; but, unlike him, I'm looking for someone who'll last longer than a meal. Please be of average weight (you don't want to tempt me), preferably with short, dark hair. Aquiline noses and romantic hats also titillate my appetite. Next to planning dinner parties, some of my favorite things are: movies, books, sports, classic cars, theater, ballroom/CW dancing, and the TV series "I'll Fly Away." I'm also passionate about the environment and animal rights. Rarely am I politically correct. I have my own mind and actually use it. I don't smoke or do drugs (they desensitize the palate), although a drink on occasion stimulates one's hunger. I'm kinky and creative in bed (a top); but, unlike Hannibal, am not into inflicting or receiving pain. I'm generally quite civilized, although I have been known to bite the heads off chocolate bunnies and nibble the tips from asparagus spears. This ad is just an appetizer; for full menu details, be a lamb and call me, and I'll have a new friend for dinner. Reply BT Box MY16B or call ★★7777.

Can't Wait—
To feel that chemistry again. Am a very youthful, active, fit, prof., attractive, 44 y.o., who likes jogging, most sports, movies, being with friends, laughing, traveling, daydreaming. Am attracted to charming, deep, intelligent and androg-to-femme women. I go to the river area often and am also interested in meeting new friends in the Guerneville area. I promise that I won't bite, so be daring and call! Reply BT Box MY17B or call ★★7778.

Dynamite Woman Seeks Match
Exuberant, exciting, androgynous youthing, 54, very feeling, communicative individualist, seeks counterpart for lifetime of loving or playmate for lovemaking. Helping professional has a bright mind, social conscience and genuine openness. Hiker, bodybuilder, rafter, loves bold adventuring, healthy living and joyful aliveness. Prefer slender figure or muscular butch with a great ego and sex appeal. Close to San Francisco. Call ★★7779.

Irreverent Lightworker
Moi: 45, bright, attractive, athletic, musical, prefer refined to raucous, Rachmaninoff to rock, Chris to Martina, East Bay/Marin. Toi: Sparkling eyes and smile, smart, love to dance (lead?!), will explore churches/spiritual paths while making irreverent cracks, wholesome, attractive, close to family, like to talk and process, yearning for weekends in Mendocino and Yosemite, breakfast with Mozart, 49er games, Kuralt and "Sunday Today," great books. Let's connect! Call ★★7780.

My Perfect Woman:
Ellen Barkin in leather. Mother Theresa's heart, Streisand's determination, Monroe's innocence, Hepburn's brilliance, Diller's humor, Steinem's ethics. Asking too much? Not! They're reflections of myself! Be tall, blonde and brilliant, humble, curious and emotionally available. Adventurous, spontaneous and sexually agressive. I'm truly androgynous, unconventionally beautiful & sober, mid-30s. I'm an artist, writer, student, animal lover, smoker, honesty junkie and fabulous lover in and out of bed. Call ★★7781.

So!
So, you're tired of being lonely and without a partner. So, you're particular and selective. So, you're in your late 40s to late 50s and you ask yourself where are all the strong, good-looking, smart, witty, sensitive, spiritual, nonsmoking, non-drinking/drugging, slim, physically fit, older lesbians with class? Do you get an answer? So, you write a light-hearted ad. Maybe you'll pique the interest of some special women and they'll call you. So! Call ★★7782.

Wanting To Share...
A kind of caring, communicative and monogamous relationship. Seeking sincerity, quality and maturity—age 50-60 or who appreciates one who is. Be educated, discreet, healthy, feminine and secure. Easy time together first. Should be interested in life, enjoy travel, fitness, usual and diverse activities and events as well as simple and quiet times with closeness, intimacy and love. Sorry, no smoking or drugs, light or non-drinker OK. Reply BT Box MY18B or call ★★7783.

Wanted: Consort
Outside: Female, under 5'5", physically fit, health awareness, nice to look at. Inside: Big heart, intelligent, wise, responsible, independent, communicative, enjoys humor and sarcasm, state of the art consciousness, absolutely no drugs, smokers, alcoholics or rat finks. Music: Brazil 66 (99?), Yellowjacket, Beachboys. Outdoors: Oceans and highways, the unexplored. Indoors: Malls, movies, special dishes and wines, candlelight, incense, junk collector, whatever is around and, of course, love. Call ★★7784.

Spirited
Fun-loving, warm, sensitive & attractive describes me. Desires openness, empathy, affection & zest for life in an attractive woman who, like myself, is over 40, of average height & weight and non-smoking. I'll lead you in 2-stepping or 40s swing, take you for adventures in the countryside, or dine w/you & enjoy conversation & laughter. Somewhat romantic and stable & sincere, I value personal growth, independence, easy communication & humor. Interests include films, theater, camping, swimming, walks, concerts, tasty foods, handholding, kissing & sexy music. Reply BT Box MY19B or call ★★7785.

Mostly Looking For New Friends
But who knows... feel funny about listing my specs, so I'll do it covertly. I like being with people who have a great sense of humor, are intelligent, healthy (mentally & physically), career-oriented, financially secure, feminine, attractive, capable of occasional deep thought, don't define themselves by their sexual preference, are stable and can't imagine putting an ad in the personals. There. I just described myself. Well they say like attracts like. If answering an ad makes you uncomfortable, we already have something in common. Call ★★7786.

A Poet's Sensitivity
Remains unjaded in my heart. Tempered with sensibility, I embrace each day and smile a lot. Incurably romantic, I long for someone to hold and share in this life I love. My eclectic interests include sports, literature, music, dancing and anything outdoors. Your intelligence, wit and emotional health are important. I'm 35, in decent shape. Friends first and then... Reply BT Box MY20B or call ★★7787.

Were You Born Before '62?
There must be sexy women out there over 30 and under 50 who are tired of or don't like bars, coy ads, stupid games or callow youth. If you want fun, romance, and sex (yes, sex) call me. I'm 32, discreet and very generous. Nonsmokers preferred. Call ★★7788.

Trainer Wanted
Relatively new to SM scene (nine months). Looking for dykes to train me in the fine art of topping and bottoming. I have no specific interests beyond learning how to flog. Willing to explore almost anything (caning, control, play piercings, humiliation, bondage, etc.). Would prefer someone in their 30s and on up. Type unimportant. Respecting one's limits and negotiations are a must. Not interested in a primary lover. Straight talking a must. I am mid-forties, 150 lbs., professional, soft butch. Reply BT Box MY21B or call ★★7789.

Harleys Are My Favorite Vibrators
But I like all motorcycles, and I would really love to ride behind another fun & exciting dyke in the Parade. Let this cute brown/blue baby butch wrap her strong legs around you, while I photograph the cuties on the sidelines, and deliver smart one-liners in your ear. You never know, this could lead to many future exciting rides... The Coast, around town, in bed! My camera is loaded, I'm excited, and you're ??? Let's talk about it.... Call ★★7790.

I'm Tired
Of using my latex gloves to dye my hair. Surely there's someone who would appreciate a tall femme with a mohawk enough to help me find another use for them. I'm passionate about books (P. Califia, G. Marus, K. Acker), music (most of the bands I like don't even have PC names so I won't offend the sensitive) and midday naps with my cats. I'm looking for a woman to initiate me into the rituals of SM and help me decide whether I'm a top or a bottom (I may never figure it out). Reply BT Box MY22B.

Partners Wanted For "Fun"
And hopefully more. I'm cute, affectionate, don't bite unless asked. Love to have a good time laughing, going to movies, reading hot sensual books (among others), walking, talking, playing pool, darts, etc. Don't abuse substances. Open-minded and believe in communication. Won't rush anyone but if the chemistry is right, who knows? Call or write me. I look forward to all your responses. Reply BT Box MY23B or call ★★7791.

Friendship
I want more friends in my life. I am a loving, gentle, sensitive woman who treasures her old friends & enjoys meeting new ones. I believe that love should be spread around & not focused entirely on my lover. I delight in physical, non-

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sexual, warm contact with friends. Hugging, handholding & honest, emotional expression are essential to me. If you are a warm, loving woman who has a deep sense of caring for herself & others, let's meet. Phone number appreciated. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4513, Berkeley 94704-1513.

Are You

Tall, definitely tall, creative, assertive, out? Do you love to hold, touch, feel, be held, moved, touched in all ways? I'm Israeli/American, tall, vegetarian, big, passionate in love, sex, close friendships, my job, children and singing loud in my car. I fight for social change but at times want to leave it all and establish another world somewhere on a sunny island with you and our friends. Reply BT Box MY24B.

Quality Seeking Quality

Are you intelligent, attractive, feminine, humored, financially & emotionally stable and fun? Me too! I'm a slender, 30-year-old, successful, well-educated professional with a wide circle of friends (including guys), but still looking for someone special. Shared interests might include the outdoors, symphonies, decent restaurants, economic discussions, skiing, discretion, quiet times, roller coasters, and a balanced life. Are you the equal I've been seeking? Take the time to write: PO Box 471622, SF 94147.

Top Me—If You Can...

This voluptuous butch has been a top all her life. Now I seek another strong-armed butch to put me in my place, although I can promise it won't be without a fight. I love: Wrestling, leather, genderfuck, safe sex, boots, four-poster beds, a good sense of humor, and a challenge.... I'm into: friendship, casual sex, dating, or—maybe—even a relationship. I'm not into: heavy processing or sexual hangups. Reply BT Box MY25B or call ★★7792.

You And Me, Babe

How about it? Two months? How about two years or two decades? Let's be overachievers together. Let's see the world—and the insides of many hotel rooms. You make me so happy I want to sing (and maybe someday you'll hear me sing). Here's to lots more milestones together. All my love, Juliett, too.

Can You Relate?

Are you a woman of color, stable professional, discreet, femme? GBF, 30, femme/androgynous, seeking same for good conversation and intimate friendship. Not into heavy club scene, shy, occasional Club Q dance-a-thon, not into role-playing, nor bisexuals, enjoy window shopping, KQED/KBLS, reading, dislike cooking, will do dishes, spending quality time together, not into smoking or drugs. Enjoy children, will respect your privacy. Let us get together and be ourselves. Reply BT Box MY26B or call ★★7793.

I Love Vanilla Ice Cream

But not vanilla sex. Don't identify as SM either; instead find myself somewhere in between. I'm a down-to-earth, good girl who cooks, loves children & animals & smiles at strangers, with a playful, raunchy streak that gets off on my butch motorcycle and hot messy sex. If the chemistry's right, I'm quite the romantic. I'm communicative, clean & sober, hate cigarettes & open to life. Call ★★7794.

Let Me Get To Know You!

I'm 36, cute, fun, creative, love art and music, and have a great sense of humor. You are between 25 and 40, intelligent, self-confident, and able to be spontaneous, as well as intimate. Honesty and emotional maturity are important. Please no heavy smokers. Call ★★7795.

Where

Are all the fabulous femmes? If you are both femme and a dyke, keep reading. I am 30, smart, honest, sweet, funny, East Bay resident. I love animals, sex, talking, music, nature, sex, great food and sex. I don't like smoke, organized sports or ill-behaved dogs. If you're honest, smart, at least 25, and like what you've read, give me a call. Call ★★7796.

Spring Forward

Into summer, fall and winter with this tall (5'10"), attractive, affectionate, fun-loving, 38-yr.-old (Virgo) who adores woman who: Like weekend getaways, cuddling in front of a warm fire, discussing the events of the day, listening to KBLX on rainy days, knows her way around the Home Depot and who delivers what she promises on the dance floor! If you are tall, warm and a woman who promises and then delivers magic, please write to me. Reply BT Box MY27B or call ★★7797.

Policewoman

Rumor has it you're looking for me. I'm dykey, butch/androgynous, with a beautiful motorcycle and a special place in my heart (and elsewhere) for women in uniform. I'm intelligent, stylish, handsome, interesting and interested. Unfortunately I'll be out of town for a month when this is published, but will be back Parade week. But, I guarantee I'm worth the wait. Enjoy the anticipation and call now. Call ★★7798.

Both/And Woman

In an either/or world. Femmy and powerful, athletic and intellectual, professional and bohemian, spiritual and practical, outdoorsy and sophisticated, smart-alecky and caring. So many wonderful things on such a small planet—how can one not have eclectic tastes? If you are a bright, curious and caring woman hoping to fall in love with a cute, active woman of depth and intelligence, wisdom and humor, please give me a call. You'll hear either more details or some inspired bit of whimsy. Call ★★7799.

Life-Long Companion

Seeking a woman who has time to share her life with me, go around the world more than once and retire to the countryside when the golden years approach. You should be over 38, non-butch, active, adventurous, compassionate, warm and desire an uncomplicated relationship. Please no 12-steppers or substance abusers, but healthy addictions welcome. Call ★★7800.

A Real Catch!

I'm a 30 y.o., attractive, tall, slender, blue-eyed, brunette, lipstick femme professional. I'm warm, caring, romantic, cute, politically active, out and outspoken, with a great mind and legs to match! I want a confident, intelligent, attractive, 25-35 y.o., cat-loving, lesbian professional, to take me by the hand and sweep me off my feet. A tall, soft butch would be particularly welcome. Call ★★7801.

Sportin' Gal?

Searching for a renaissance sportin' gal... an oxymoron? We're not extinct. Can you bicycle Grizzly Peak Road, unwind with a philosophical discussion during dinner, and read me poetry before bed? Board games, honesty, cartoons and genuine friends are important to this early 30s, 5'10", 127# professional. Let's read Dorothy Parker and listen to ragtime. No smoking, drugs, or attitude. Be forewarned—I'm particular. Call ★★7802.

Lesbian Mothers?

I'm 38, want to have children, 1-2, and want to be with a woman who has children. I want a gay man to father my children and be involved in our lives. I was raised in the mountains of California and my connection with the Earth guides and nurtures me. I love San Francisco for its diversity of peoples and hope for change. Rather than choosing political action as an avenue for change, my interests are in healing on all levels and creating new life as the old order crumbles. Looking for a match in values and vision. An unpredictable chemistry fosters attraction more than body "type," am turned on by a womanly blend of strength and softness. I love music, dance, reading, walking, gardening. I'm a sensual beast, enjoying good food, hot baths, a delicious woman. I'm also very functional and practical; can get dirty and work hard. Please write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box MY28B.

What's Got Huge, Luscious Breasts

A zoftig butt, sings and has chocolate all over? Looking for someone to celebrate my body with. If your thighs don't touch, please don't reply. No addicts, cultists or preachy recovery types. Sense of humor a must. If your two feet are firmly ensconced in the good earth and you value creativity, sensuality and nature, give a call. Call ★★7803.

Serious Fun

It's summer... you're dating... so am I. You might enjoy concerts, tennis, woods walks, golf, swimming, good friends, laughing for days, BBQ, a moonlit kiss. I'm serious about performing music, rediscovering all kinds of physical joys (sports, silly... the other depends on chemistry!). I know how crazy this world can be, but still feel one person can make a difference. I'm mid-30s, stocky and tomboyish but all woman, with great sense of humor. You're intelligent, late 20s-early 30s, outgoing, independent & follow your dreams, open to adventure. Parade motorcycling, anyone? Reply BT Box MY29B or call ★★7804.

Single, Open To Many Possibilities:

New workout partners, friends, a sensuous friendship, and even a romantic relationship (not merged!). I love to be in nature, to laugh, to dance (especially salsa), to connect with other spiritual, thoughtful, honest, communicative, affectionate, creative, open-minded, playful, music-loving people. I am especially attracted to other sensuous, sensitive, attractive, physically fit women of color, femme but not into extremes or limitations (nor SM). I'm chem-free. Call ★★7805.

Looking For More Than Just Dates

But you have to start somewhere! I'm an SF professional GWF, 26, brn/brn, stable, trustworthy, energetic, romantic, thoughtful and giving. I enjoy the usual fun stuff: My friends, music (jazz, dance, classical, R&B), travel, cats, cafes, theater, movies, reading, camping, and the outdoors, dining out and dancing. I'm looking to meet a single woman, 25 to mid-thirties, who isn't afraid of straightforward communication. We are both honest, have a sense of adventure and humor, and are not into substance abuse (light drinking/smoking OK). We both have what it takes to get to know someone well enough, work toward an equal partnership. I enjoy having a cafe mocha and reading the Sunday paper at The Village Cafe; love to have you join me! Please reply BT Box MY30B.

Bi

BISEXUAL

Guy In Heels And Hose

Seeks passion, punishment, penetration from strap-it-on, take-charge kind of woman, who likes her man in lingerie and on the receiving end. I'm 40, attractive, in-shape, very masculine, submissive, eager to please and very oral. Not passable, but great legs and ass in 5-inch heels, panties and stockings. Enquiries from guys and couples OK. Call ★★7821.

Submissive

29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★7822.

Right Time, Write Place

I like music and art and museums,/ And camping (my tent blocks no-see-ums)./ I like reading and writing,/ And find life exciting,/ But this 32-year-old, healthy bi white male has found that chatting with salespeople while shopping for furniture isn't really the best way to meet people here. I'm new to SF and would like to find someone to share films and meals, explore the city and area, compare notes on perception and reality, and enjoy creatively safe sex with. So if you're also friendly, liberal, and enjoy life, why not respond to this ad, and let's see if we can make good use of our limited temporal per diems. Reply Suite 155, 1459 18th St., SF 94107 or call ★★7823.

Eurasian, Blue-Eyed, Bi Male

Exotic looking, 24, student (AA drama/acting, College of Marin, finishing up GE for UC transfer,major undecided), healthy, wholesome, self-employed and doing fine, seeks female or bi-female, 20s-30s, for the obvious: friendship and possible tender loving relationship. Students, performance artists, dancers, intelligent models, bodyworkers, etc., should definitely reply, yet all are welcome, of course. PO Box 32, Kentfield 94914 or call ★★7824.

Bi Butt Banger

Seeking an athletic bi/straight guy in good shape. If the one thing your wife or girlfriend can't give you is backdoor action and you sometimes need it bad, I've got it. I'm masculine, discreet, bisexual man, 35, work out regularly, HIV-, into safe sex only. Call ★★7825.

Bisexual? Married?

Good-looking, gym-toned, WM, married bisexual, seeks discreet, very safe sexcapades with other good-looking, married guys. Must be healthy, in-shape, into strictly safe sex and have a great sense of humor. Daytime activity preferred, but open to eves. Inexperienced OK. Discretion assured. Reply BT Box MY300B.

Top 10 Reasons

... why triadic relationships appeal to us: 10) Incredible synergy: multiple overlaps of interests & personality, and fascinating dynamics of all the ways to relate to one another. 9) Expanded range for creative romance, sensual activities, general care and nurturing: interesting combinations of love letters, little gifts, hugs, kisses... 8) With each person having 2 lovers, if one feels like doing something it's more likely someone will be available. 7) No single person to carry the full weight of their partner's emotional, sensual & sexual needs. 6) Expanded opportunities in kinds of sexual activity possible: finally enough hands, mouths, tongues, etc.! 5) Being put in a happy, loving mood by one's partner benefits the third one, and vice versa. 4) Knowing that loving one person doesn't take away from one's love of another. 3) Co-parenting. 2) Pooled economic resources (and less environmental damage). 1) Here put your very own. Search deep inside and you may find something... Want to talk about it? PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★7826. (Please also see our ad "You Want It All?")

Humiliation

Attractive, 39, BiWM, in good shape, HIV-, seeks best bud, 35-45, who digs giving or taking orders (including strip, spank, feet) as part of tight friendship/relationship—male bonding a la frat initiation, if you will. Also open to sharing a girl with my buddy. No SM, safe only. Call ★★7827.

Earth Angel

Tall, attractive, pre-op transsexual, seeks a tall, gentle, masculine man. I want a relationship that involves much more than just sex. I am in a primary relationship with a bisexual female, but I need more than she can provide sexually. We are open in our relationship, and she may, or may not, become involved, that really depends on you. I will undergo surgery in two months. Write, and let me know what you expect from a relationship. I am very particular, but looks are not a prime consideration. Please include photo. Reply BT Box MY301B.

Goddess Sought

Very hot, 35, WM, bi, submissive, tall, dark, handsome, romantic, smart, fun, funny, vegetarian, drug/alcohol-free, self-employed, sometimes financially insolvent, sensitive, HIV-, herpes II+. I want to be your lover, friend, confidant, masseur, cook, maid and more. Looking for my first pair of high heels. Please be a man-lover, trusting, sincere, free, harmonious, angelic. Emotional connection required. Call ★★7828.

You Want It All?

Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated triadic relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★7829.

Shall we run to a farmhouse in the woods, build a supportive, healing community of the intelligent, creative and diverse, or obtain a large space and periodically fill it with seductive, supple gender benders, errant lesbians and pansexual escape artists? Perhaps all of the above. Fit, masculine in a natural way, BiBM, seeks a woman (and collaborators) somewhere between chronic paranoia and the goddess of fire and wrath. They say I'm "cute" (spit), that I look much younger than 38. At work I inspire others to heal so I have to be dynamic. At play I want fun, laughter, peace and wonder. I want the possibility of you joining me at every sordid or "high" aspect of the arts or simply tenderly holding one another. It could be just intimate friendship or much more. One day I'll make a great husband and father, but in the busy now, I offer you a good, wise friendship and a great sweet lover. You? I don't know... age approx. 20 to 43? Attractive in your style of choice, passionate, sweet and a heart that won't poison if licked. Race? Human of course. PO Box 8113, Emeryville 94662 or call ★★7830.

(Fuck) Buddies

Dark-haired, green-eyed, working class Bronx kid (my childhood could have been a Spike Lee movie), bisexual, 23, boy attitude in a woman's body. Looking for guys to hang out and mess around with. Prefer dark skin & hair (Italian, Black, Latin, etc.). Like the guys I grew up with, you're no stranger to hard work or hard times. Like me, you got more education than most of them ever will. Ideally, you're bi, honest, open, on the kinky side, non-possessive and politically aware. Not seeking "serious relationship," just friendship and casual safe fun. No room in my life for racists, sexists, homophobes, heavy drinking or drugs. Big noses, long hair, strong features, thick muscles, stocky builds, Brooklyn accents, blue collar workers and musicians get me hot. I don't fit neatly into any one category or box; neither do you. Write PO Box 170398, SF 94117 or call ★★7831.

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SHARED INTEREST

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Tall, Thin And Blond... Not!

Two single, 30 y.o. dykes, new to Sonoma County, seek other dykes to play with. We enjoy the beach, board games, ice cream, art, dogs, books, racquetball, and we're both adult children of Jewish parents. Run, don't walk, to the nearest telephone and call us today! Call ★★7844.

The Real 13th Step

I am an ex-12-step member who is making the transition out of the group and into an autonomous recovery lifestyle. So far I have met with much success. Transcending peer pressure and program dogma has been difficult. I have found 2 others like me and we are wondering how many more of us there are. If you are currently working toward independence or have successfully completed the transition we would like to hear about your experience. Reply BT Box MY600B or call ★★7845.

Gay & Lesbian Buddhists

Let's meet. Potluck? Bi-weekly salon? Group meditation? Picnic? Group retreat? Parade contingent? Call ★★7846.

Tennis Anyone?

Remember the rusted tin man with the ax from the Wizard of Oz? Well, that's me, only I have a tennis racket. I'm looking for anyone who is willing to make a serious commitment to play at least once a week. SF area only. At this time I consider myself an advanced beginner. Reply BT Box MY601B or call ★★7847.

Bored In The Burbs

East Bay area GWM, 20s. New to area, working class stiff. Looking for other gay/bi/straight people, male or female, to hang out with. Interests vary from jogging, mountain biking, walking, etc., to being a couch potato. Into alternative music (Echo, Smiths, Voice Farm, etc.) and jazz (Harry Connick, Jr., Billie Holliday, Ella, etc.). I love intelligent but fun conversation with almost anyone aged teen to ? If you're bored, also, call me and we can find some mutual interests to pass the time. Call ★★7848.

A Reading Group For Gay Men

Is currently forming in San Francisco. Anyone interested in reading works of fiction or non-fiction is invited. Group members will choose the books to be read and attend monthly meetings discussing ideas generated from the reading in a supportive, non-judgmental environment. If you're interested, please write. Reply BT Box MY602B.

Gay Men's Support Group

Self-lead group deals with a wide range of personal issues. We seek new members willing to make extended commitment and open to sharing in a structured setting. We meet Tuesday evenings (7-9) in San Francisco. For further information leave name and # and we will get back to you. Call ★★7849.

Gay Swimmers

The High Eagle Freshwater Horseplay and Mooning Society meets spontaneously to let loose our playful, boyish spirits in afternoon, after work, or moonlit, whimsical, free, freshwater splashing. No officers, no bylaws, no body contests, clothing optional, noncompetitive. Some lakes and streams may require a little hiking. Call and let's talk about favorite swimming holes. Call ★★7850.

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Irishman Seeks Irishman

Older, 55, Irishman would like to develop a loving & sexual relationship with a younger Irishman. We are both from Ireland. You like an older man. I like younger. You: Under 40, gentle, intelligent type, you're sexually more bottom than top. Pleasant to be with. Me: no beauty, but you could bring it out. I have a happy life here but love Ireland & proud of Irish heritage. You are too. Write: Box 8522, 537 Jones St., SF 94102.

A Handsome Thai Male

is available to a special GWM! Hi! I am 35, 5'8", 170 lbs., HIV-, with a muscular, silky bod and a winning smile. Huggable and beddable. A tennis player and a software professional. A guy-next-door, boyish type. I seek an athletic GWM to 45. He is cleanshaven, high-achieving, and an incurable romantic. Please write to Boxholder 128, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★7862.

Attention Blacks

WM, 45, 5'10", 150 lbs., blue eyes, thinning brown hair, fair complexion, wants to meet you. We could end up in a relationship or simply enjoy each other. Who knows until we speak and meet. I am educated, intelligent, affectionate and caring (guaranteed). You should be up to age 47 or so. I am a top by nature but versatile on occasion. So write 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★7863.

Willing To Be Thrilling

GWM, 43, 6 ft., 300 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoker, gentleman seeks men for passionate encounters and friendship. Write 1442A Walnut St., #326, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★7864.

I Want It All!

GBM, 33, 185 lbs., 6'2", well-built/attractive professional seeks GM of quality with similar attributes. "Barflies" need not apply. Looking for hot, romantic nights & quiet times of cuddling and talking together. Me: good lover, Greek/active

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Heart-To-Heart

GWM, 36, 5′9″, 150 lbs., br./bl., good-looking, healthy, HIV+, fun-time kind of guy. I'm sensual (bottom), cleanshaven, financially and emotionally secure, self-employed, trim, fit, nonsmoker and tired of just having sex. I'm looking to share my life with someone of equal quality and one who maintains balance in their life. My interests include mtn. biking, hiking, modern art, camping, good friends, good food and time spent with somene special. If you're mid-30s plus, are tired of the cha cha gay scene, find the above interesting and desire to have intimacy beyond sex, rply BT Box MY71B or call ★★7865.

Slim Asian Wanted

Sincere WM, young for 42 years, 6′2″, 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny warm-hearted Asian 20-35 for sincere friend, boyfriend, possible lover. Plus if you are foreign-born, nonsmoker, somewhat shy, enjoy exercise and/ or not into bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Better Than The Average Bear

6′1″, Italian, 38 y.o., handsome, brn/hzl eyes, lt brn hair/beard, masc., romantic, wide interests, open mind, close friends, HIV-. Wants same and: green/blue/hzl eyes, blk hair/beard/moustache, 28-48 y.o., Latino/muscular is ++ but not required; for friendship and/or relationship. Don't want: people who only want sex, obsessed with physique, smokers, druggers, heavy drinkers, barflies or if you can't handle intimacy or monogamy. Reply BT Box MY72B or call ★★7866.

Happiness

Special guy in a wheelchair with a speech impediment, causing me to speak slowly. I am about to become a lawyer! I am outgoing with a lot of self-esteem. I would like somebody who's courageous, spiritual and big-hearted to enjoy live, traveling and fun. Thanks. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7867.

Safe Sex Buddy

Wanted by this honest, masculine GWM. I'm 31, 5′10″, 165, HIV-, with athletic body, warm heart and preference for the bottom. Just ended long relationship, and looking for safe, sensual fun and friendship with no strings required. Seeking GM, 28-38, top, HIV-, who is fit, trustworthy, and playful in bed. A big smile is great, too. Call ★★7868.

33, HIV+, Not A Muscle Sister

If you're still reading: friends and ex's seem to think I'm a good catch. Too shy for bar scene. Baths are fun, but not for meeting you. I'm Southern-born; busy professionally; versatile where it counts; curious whether these ads lead to anything meaningful. Let's find out and maybe we'll both be happier. Only one hitch: no smokers. PO Box 460292, SF 94146 or call ★★7869.

Hairy Seeks Smooth

Smooth friend sought by furry, dark-haired, extra tall, mid-40s GWM, w/swimmer's build. I'm HIV+ (healthy) & have an open primary relationship with an HIV- man. I seek friendship & safe-sex encounters with other healthy & responsible men. I enjoy a variety of sexual pleasures but mostly nipple stimulation. Turn-ons: GLM, dark moustaches, short top men. Write for more info (send photo if available): DCS, PO Box 460424, SF 94146.

Romance In Rockridge

Handsome, intelligent, sincere guy seeks relationship with similar in-shape type, 35-50, HIV+, into good music (classical/jazz), nonsmoker. I enjoy bicycling, hiking, languages, travel, concerts/ gigs, theater, movies, cuisine, massage. Stats: 5′10″, 155#, trim build, medium complexion, brn/brn-silver, s&p moustache, friendly smile. Looking for someone who appreciates a man who is passionate, fun, open and affectionate. Avoid voice-mail purgatory and send me a short note and photo and I'll return the same. (Bonus points if you're Latino and/or live near zip code 94618). Reply BT Box MY73B.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians

Loving, caring GWM, 37, sincere, honest, healthy, seeks slim, cleanshaven, Asian guy who is also loving, caring, sincere, honest, healthy, for companionship and hopefully lasting relationship. I am 6′, 180 lbs., with soft brown hair and hazel eyes. I currently reside on East Coast, (Virginia) but am hoping to relocate to San Francisco. Please reply with detailed letter and photo. Reply BT Box MY74B.

Yogi Bear Honey

Can sweetness be shared by dissimilar men, each with his own shortcomings? I'm 39, 6′2″, 150#, healthy, toned, smooth, unconventionally attractive, sensitively (neurotically?) responsive, and still searching. Looking for someone weightier, furrier, perhaps more centered but shy. Common ground would include spiritual ideals (devotion, transcendence), empathy, appreciation of touch, music, quiet times indoors and out... and delight upon seeing each other. PO Box 1382, Palo Alto 94302.

Lt. Data Seeks Ensign Crusher

Do you adore reason, creativity, science, technology, liberty; lack belief in all religion and mysticism; base your identity on your character, not what you do or have; have the courage and trust to respect the autonomy of others? Are you gentle, humorous, passionate, curious, quiet, tolerant, healthy, fit, young; expect honesty, respect and friendship first? I offer what I seek. Reply PO Box 3693, Chico 95927.

Daddy's Boy Wanted

Daddy is GWM, 48, 5′7″, 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to clean-cut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★7870.

Let's JO Together

Younger white or Latin wanted for JO, poss. relationship—uncut, big balls, grn eyes, Irish a+—by sincere GWM, 45 y.o., 5′11″, 200#, uncut, hairy, balding. I offer you respect, trust, strength, passion, sweetness, and a little silliness. Call ★★7871.

Take A Chance

Masculine, mature, HIV-, GWM, professional, sometimes described as a "teddy bear," seeks affectionate, possibly submissive friend, any race. We don't smoke or use drugs, use little or no alcohol, and are both emotionally and financially stable. We like to touch and cuddle and are down-to-earth, but sometimes "earthy," too. Nice if you can smile. Shy OK. Call ★★7872.

Assume The Position

Over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or ? until your beefy buns glow. Tall, gdlkg, nicely endowed 27 y.o. GWM with good hands will administer deserving slaps if UR under 30 & in good shape. Wear your tightest jeans & hold on! Reply BT Box MY75B or call ★★7873.

The Marry'n Kind

GWM, 46, 5′10″, 160, HIV-. Reliable, good sense of humor, pragmatic, liberal, slightly shy, incurably honest, Nautilus body, regrettably a smoker. Enjoys doing home improvement projects, 103.7 FM, gym workouts, movies, dining out, racquetball, and concerts. Pretty much top or bottom vanilla sex, but actually plays off of partner's needs, has tit ring, wants tattoo, loves to kiss and cuddle. Desires meaningful, fun, long-term relationship. Preferences: gentle GAM or GWM, between 30-40, HIV-, but that's not exclusionary criteria, pleasant appearance, medium to light build, employed and non-drug user. Write and we'll meet over coffee, tea or etc. Reply BT Box MY76B.

Athletic Asian Seeks

A clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe, sexual pleasures. No strings attached. I'm a healthy, attractive, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3057 or call ★★7874.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★7875.

Husky Dad In South Bay

Masculine, good-looking, bearded, HIV-, straight-acting, sports-minded dad looking for same or hairy cubs to cuddle and go to sports events with. Facial photo and phone number gets immediate response. PO Box 722, Campbell 95009.

Sincere, Attractive Asian

Tall, 31, very active, professional, loves conversation, travel, hikes, romance, good food and fine wine. Looking for a creative, intense, nerdy, intellectually diverse man with integrity, a warm heart, and an open mind. I idolize artists, performance artists, dancers, writers, photographers, scientists, composers, linguists... Smart, independent, a health nut, enjoy a quiet life. Please respond with phone number and a brief description of your interests to PO Box 1105, Mountain View 94040 or call ★★7876. Photos appreciated.

Bear Rassler

Bearded, predatory ex-pro plays as dirty as you wanna get. I'll pull on the trunks for mean & beefy grapplers who like it belly-to-belly tuff, or bad-ass cubs who need a trip to the woodshed for some definitive attitude adjustment. 100 percent safe versions of TT, CB, BD, boots, 501s, hoods, WS, mud & more. With all limits carefully respected & strictly byo toys. Call ★★7877.

I Want A Top

To marry me for 50 years. I hate dating so let's be platonic friends before getting married. Me: 22, 5′9″, 148, brn/grn, athletic, handsome, bottom, all-American boy, bright student, stubborn, smart alec. You: highly intelligent, 5′10″+, 20-28, athletic/muscular, competitive, strong/ gentle, like discussing history, politics, playing board games/cards, country dancing. North Bay a+, letter/photo: Boxholder, 1209 Capri Way, Rohnert Park 94928 or call ★★7878.

Small Red Pick-Up Truck?

Desperately trying to make amends for not being more forward when we met one weekday morning, outside of the Scandinavian restaurant on Market, which we both mistakenly assumed would be open earlier. Though we were attracted to each other, I was too awed to ask you out, or ask if you were attached. You're (cliche, I know) a Marlboro type, medium build, early 30s, light brown hair and moustache and I'm a very muscular (slim but hunky) dark-moustached Mediterranean type, very handsome (gorgeous by the standards of the personals). I'd be happy (and lucky) to hear from you, even if you're unavailable. Call ★★7879.

Adorable GWM Seeks Young Asian Male

Me: GWM, 5′9″, 165 lbs., brn/grn, told I'm young and good-looking for 39 y.o. I'm physically fit, creative, unique, intelligent, kind, loving, spiritual and professional. You: smart, cute, GAM (22-30), full of ideas, independent, nonsmoker, and caring individual. Let's explore the infinite possibilities of life, the universe, the nature of man, the weight of dreams, and the substance of love. Call ★★7880.

WM, 43, Possessed Of Many Fine Qualities

and a few not-so-fine, seeks other men, 25-45, for dating, friendship, and whatever might come after that. Spiritual, playful, passionate, pragmatic, serious, reserved, affectionate. Versatile, with tendency to land on top. Honest, considerate, thoughtful, HIV-, no smoke or drugs, available, you are too. Warped sense of humor, quiet evenings, country. 6′, 172 lbs., brown/balding, hazel eyes; trim, full beard; trim build; masculine. Your photo appreciated but not essential. Reply BT Box MY77B.

Hung, Horny

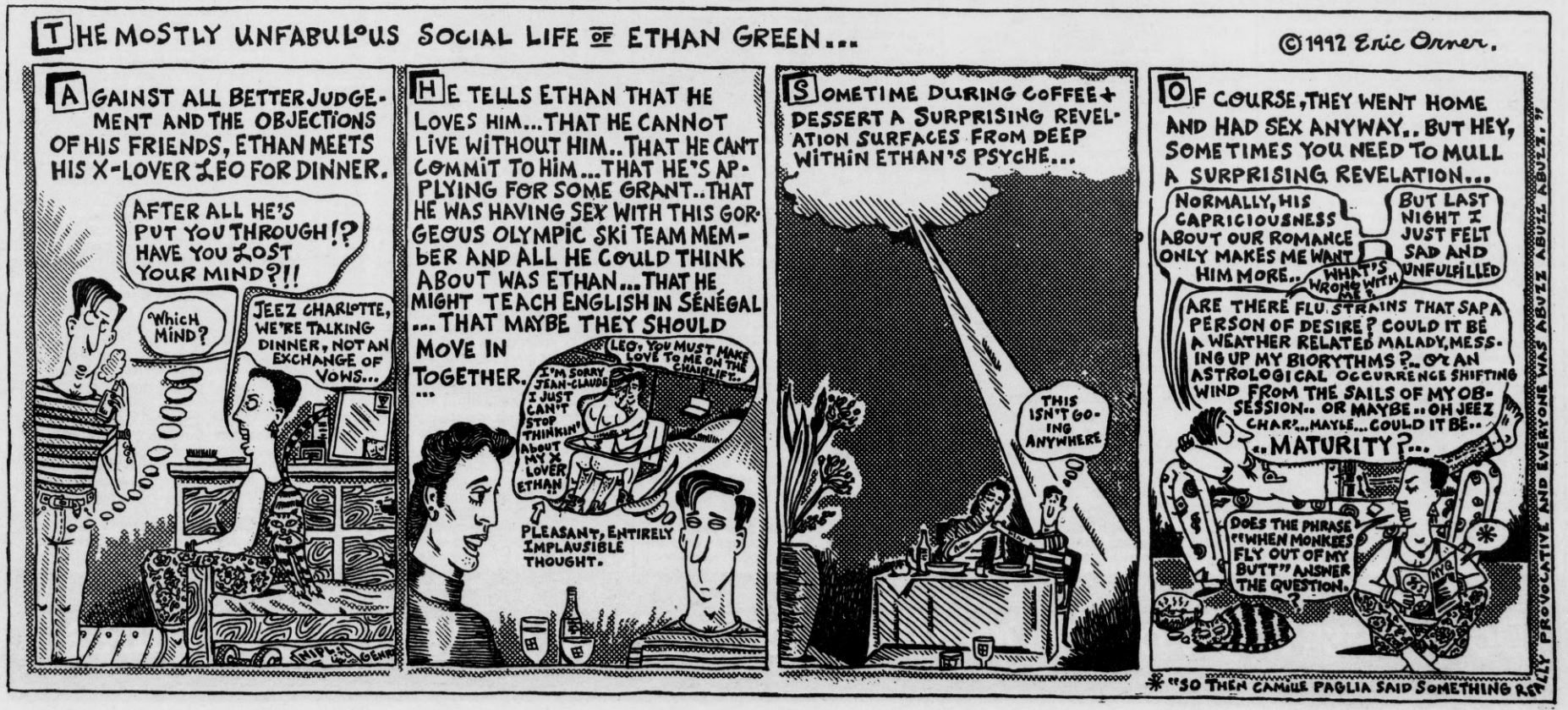
and hungry for hot head. Superior sucking sought. I'm healthy and happy, 5′9″, 165 lbs., brown/blue, moustached, 47, very well hung. I like nature and culture, body and mind, flesh and fantasy, passion and originality. Hot licks and dirty talk. Hairy chests and dark skin are turn-ons, not requirements. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Call ★★7881.

Spanking Stepdad Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 42, 6′2″, 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-, seeks warm-hearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit, attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with no sex! In letter please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Not Your Daddy

The conundrum is that I am attracted to younger men, but I am repulsed by the co-dependent behavior of unresolved parent-child issues that are often the stereotype in these kinds of relationships. I am not looking to play anyone's daddy. I am looking for a whole, integrated person who just happens to be younger than I. I am a GWM, 42, 6′, 185 lbs., brn/blue, HIV- (and always safe); a well-educated professional with interests and training in the arts and sciences (an eclectic background). I have all the standard interests listed in a lot of other ads (travel, theater, food, books, music, etc.). My primary interest is the continually renewing action of paying attention to how I view the world, my place in it, and the effective result of living my life consciously. I enjoy the willingness to question, to search, to look for alternate ways of "seeing" the world that some bright, uncalcified younger men have, also. I love, too, their unabashed physicality and sexuality. I am incredibly romantic, enjoy touching and caressing, and PDA (Public Displays of Affection). My defects of character are many. For example: I am unable to relate to gay Republicans (hell, I can't relate well to straight ones, either). Despite my flaws, you will find some gems among the tailings. If you are HIV-, 20s, and an interesting person, please send me a note. Reply BT Box MY78BB.


THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN...
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AGAINST ALL BETTER JUDGEMENT AND THE OBJECTIONS OF HIS FRIENDS, ETHAN MEETS HIS X-LOVER LEO FOR DINNER.
AFTER ALL HE'S PUT YOU THROUGH!? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!!
WHICH MIND?
JEEZ CHARLOTTE, WE'RE TALKING DINNER, NOT AN EXCHANGE OF VOWS...
HE TELLS ETHAN THAT HE LOVES HIM...THAT HE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT HIM..THAT HE CAN'T COMMIT TO HIM...THAT HE'S APPLYING FOR SOME GRANT..THAT HE WAS HAVING SEX WITH THIS GORGEOUS OLYMPIC SKI TEAM MEMBER AND ALL HE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS ETHAN...THAT HE MIGHT TEACH ENGLISH IN SÉNÉGAL ...THAT MAYBE THEY SHOULD MOVE IN TOGETHER. ...
LEO, YOU MUST MAKE LOVE TO ME ON THE CHAIRLIFT..
I'M SORRY JEAN-CLAUDE I JUST CAN'T STOP THINKIN' ABOUT MY X LOVER ETHAN
PLEASANT, ENTIRELY IMPLAUSIBLE THOUGHT.
SOMETIME DURING COFFEE + DESSERT A SURPRISING REVELATION SURFACES FROM DEEP WITHIN ETHAN'S PSYCHE...
THIS ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE
OF COURSE, THEY WENT HOME AND HAD SEX ANYWAY.. BUT HEY, SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO MULL A SURPRISING REVELATION...
NORMALLY, HIS CAPRICIOUSNESS ABOUT OUR ROMANCE ONLY MAKES ME WANT HIM MORE..
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
BUT LAST NIGHT I JUST FELT SAD AND UNFULFILLED
ARE THERE FLU STRAINS THAT SAP A PERSON OF DESIRE? COULD IT BE A WEATHER RELATED MALADY, MESSING UP MY BIORYTHMS?.. OR AN ASTROLOGICAL OCCURRENCE SHIFTING WIND FROM THE SAILS OF MY OBSESSION.. OR MAYBE.. OH JEEZ CHAR?...MAYBE...COULD IT BE..
..MATURITY?...
DOES THE PHRASE "WHEN MONKEES FLY OUT OF MY BUTT" ANSWER THE QUESTION.
"SO THEN CAMILLE PAGLIA SAID SOMETHING REALLY PROVOCATIVE AND EVERYONE WAS BUZZING ABOUT IT..."

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I want to develop a deep, caring relationship with a man who wants the same "essentials" in his partner/relationship as I do. They are: GWM, 35-44, masculine, HIV-, nonsmoker, monogamous, in good shape (but not gym centered), excellent communicator, vulnerable (wants emotional involvement). You're a bottom in bed, but just as important, a sensual man who can express his feelings through touch. One who is whole in himself but wishes to grow together with another. Know what is/isn't "essential" to him in another. Emotionally and professionally stable. Enjoys day trips, movies, motorcycling, sci-fi, dinners in and out, building a home life together. In other words, I'm seeking a high-quality person. My stats are: GWM, 39, 5'11", 175, br/bl beard with white. Don't reply if: Co-dependent, cultural snob, emotionally not available, workaholic or just don't know yourself. If you have same "essentials" won't you please write or call. Include telephone number. Photo requested but not required and will be returned. You will hear from me. Reply BT Box MY79B or call ★★7882.

Not Your Typical Daddy
This one has a university degree, professional honors, 3-piece suits & a classy flat. Not cigar-chompin', beer-bellied, bearded or tattooed! Intelligent mentor, passionate lover for bright, ambitious, man/boy, 25 to late-30s, cute, shorter, 'stache nice but good mind, good humor uppermost. Share upscale lifestyle with GWM, 48, blond, 5'9", 158, healthy HIV+, smoker, oral, great kisser. Let's make love first, then pillow talk for hours. Call ★★7883.

Older Seeks Younger
Attractive young-lkg/act mature GWM, 68, 5'8", 170, white hair/moustache, very loving, caring, romantic and passionate seeks a sincere gdlkg, together man, 18-45, who, like myself, is not interested in one-night stands and who also desires an ongoing, quality relationship. Your photo gets mine. 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★7884.

An Old Friend
Just visited and reminded me of the joy of being silly. Trouble is I have no one to be silly with. This GWM, 22, 5'3", brn/brn, longish hair, shy, behatted artist, needs more fun in his life. Love: all things sensual, visual, tactile and audible—Baroque to Bluegrass to Big Audio Dynamite, pre-Raphaelite to Post-Modern—books and coffee. Hate: Boredom. Call ★★7885.

Madonna, Nirvana, Heaven 17...?
Asian, early 20s, seeks young, cool, cute guys (18-30) for dancing only... Stud, Colossus, Uranus, the usual... no sex or relationship required, 'long as you can work it on a dance floor. No facial hair or wallflowers who stand to the beat (horrors!) Call ★★7886.

Tom Of Finland Fanatic
Tom of Finland eroticism describes me. I enjoy DS, bondage, WS, body worship as top and bottom. As a top I enjoy SM, whipping, tit-play only if it gives partner pleasure. I have an intense leather fetish. I'm intelligent, handsome, nicely built, GWM, HIV-, 5'10", 160#, 40 yrs. I seek an HIV-, full-leather partner, any age, who's in excellent physical shape and single. I'm willing to travel outside SF. Reply BT Box MY80B or call ★★7887.

We Deserve It All
Good-looking, masculine GWM, 37, 5'11", 175#, clean-cut, healthy, HIV+, muscular and trim (free weights or run 6 times a week). Easygoing (T-shirt and jeans), down-to-earth professional. Fun-loving, passionate, high sex drive, aggressive, energetic, versatile/bottom. Interests: dining out, C&W dancing, theater, quiet evenings at home. Looking for passion, closeness, friendship, hopefully leading to romance, commitment, relationship. Be in-shape, 25-50. Call ★★7888.

I'm The One
Red-blooded male, 29, 5'8", 140 lbs., dk brn/brn, moustache and moderately furry. Half Portuguese/Scottish, considered good-looking, trim, smoker, HIV-, social drinker. Upbeat, intellectual, cuddly, playful and probing. Honest, caring, creative, versatile, and down-to-earth. Eclectic tastes and taken by thoughtful conversation, sometimes a little intense. Enjoy dancing (especially CW), camping, weekend retreats, long walks, reading, movies, dining out, art. I'm looking to date someone on a regular basis and open to the possibility of a committed, monogamous relationship. You are a white boy, at least relatively in shape, good-looking, 5'7" and up, age not as important as being happy, passionate and spirited. Willing to exchange photo and letter. Reply BT Box MY81B or call ★★7889.

Black & White Together
GWM seeks intimate friendship with GBM. I'm 39, NS, HIV-, blue eyes, moustache, handsome, athletic, muscular build, lean 180 lbs., tall, on the quiet side, sense of humor, positive thinker. Seeking NS, masculine, HIV-, GBM; prefer someone my age or older, stocky, uncut, but will answer all responses. Let's explore the passion and power two men, one Black and one white, can share together. Call ★★7890.

Duetic Team
I want to create a duetic partnership with a man who is open, honest & ready to risk. I am 6'1", gray hair, beard, 185 lbs. & 35 yrs. old. If you are ready to create, call ★★7891.

First For Quality
My first time with a listing, but optimistic in finding a quality friend for special times and mutual sharing of interests, life's ups and downs, and the future. I'm East Bay, bearded, gdlkg GWM, 40s. 5'10", 140 lbs., slender, tan, hairy, responsible, serious, with abundance of loving, liking, sensual and sexual feelings to give and needing the same in return. Like home, antique cars and trains, bare feet. Respondents need not be physical/age identicals, but no alcohol or drugs. I'd welcome a letter and photo. I'll respond to you. Reply BT Box MY82B or call ★★7892.

A Haze of Lavender
Scents the Cote d'Azur afternoon. We nap contentedly in the shade, nude except for black leather cuffs. At dusk we wash and hurry into creamy white dinner jackets. We descend from the mountain under a deep velvet bowl of stars to catch the delights at the Opera de Monte Carlo. GAM, 32, seeks thoughtful, fit, GWM, 30s, to share life and all its pleasures. Call ★★7893.

An Asian Named Desire
Good-looking GAM, 5'7", 135, HIV-, youthful 40s, energetic and fit, desires GAM or other GM for friendship and perhaps more. Am easy-going, stable, happy, confident and balanced. I have many interests (tennis, reading, travel, etc.), but lead a relaxed lifestyle. Write to Boxholder, PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★7894.

Black Topman Wanted
GWM, 37, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, smooth, HIV-, bottom man, seeks down-to-earth, masculine, HIV- Black topman for possible relationship. Big plus for men with body hair. Sincere only. J.R., PO Box 421396, SF 94142 or call ★★7895.

Squeaky Clean Bottom
For squeaky clean top. Trim, 5'11", dark blond, 46, long-term, healthy HIV+, cultivated, sensual, sensuous, kiss the hell out of me, and do what you do well. Tell me what you'd like. Call ★★7896.

I'm Not Saying This Just 2 B Nasty
I sincerely want to funk the taste out of your mouth. Can you relate? Lusty white top, 31, 5'8", seeking eager, horny black bottoms, to get into my nasty groove. Smooth and dark a plus, and if you got "back" you got my attention. Yes, I am hung. Write to 584 Castro, #102, SF 94114 or call ★★7897.

Seeking Thin Asian
Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. Your age is not as important as your waist (30" or less). You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 50 (look 30s), professional, 5'9", 180, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, workout regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one-night stand, casual affair or lifelong commitment. Call ★★7898.

Into Knish?
GJM, 36, 5'9", 140, HIV-, wants it all: truth, beauty, brains, passion, the whole megillah. Here's what you get: warmth, sincerity, dark good looks, bedroom eyes (incredibly long lashes), sharp body and mind, refreshingly warped sense of humor. Here's what I love: travel, theater, movies, healthy lifestyle (outdoors, bicycle, gym), languages (speak French, learning Italian), cooking (I make a drop-dead cheesecake), laughter, lovemaking, expressive Jewish/Latin/Asian men (preferably 30-40). Let's exchange phone numbers (and recipes). Call ★★7899.

The Women
Saw you Sunday, 5/10, at the Castro Theatre, 9:30 showing. Couldn't concentrate on the movie much, though. You were sitting on the end with a friend (I hope); I was in the middle. You had on a red shirt, jeans... Call me with some more details and we'll talk. Call ★★7900.

Jungle Fever
Attractive, energetic, GBM bottom, 28 y.o., 5'11", 160#, physically fit, NS, seeks GWM, 30-40 y.o., 6+, trim. My interests include: dining out, movies, candlelit dinners, travel and making love at or from dusk to dawn. You: monogamous, masculine, funny, communicative, spontaneous, romantic and open to a long-term relationship. Call and let's talk. Call ★★7901.

Skinny Boy Wants Muscled Men
Me: 22, Jewish/Italian boy, 5'9", 130 lbs. (thin). Brown hair and eyes, cleanshaven. I have a big dick and a cute, tight butt. Friendly and horny. You: GWM, 20-40, muscular and masculine. I like my men big and beefy. No games or attitude please, just hot, wild sex. Call ★★7902.

Young Asian Seeks Old Asian
Good-looking, 30-yr.-old GAM, is looking for an old GAM for sincere and intimate relationship. I'm 5'7", 130 lbs., professional. You should be 50+, not overweight (skinny and small are pluses). Letter/phone/photo. Reply BT Box MY83B or call ★★7903.

Need A Third Or Exceptionally Handsome?
Among San Franciscan homosexual men, I'm exceptionally handsome, unusually masculine, and very muscular with dark, Mediterranean looks, moustache and a gorgeous dick. I appear thirty, average height, medium build with no fat. Exclusively a top, I like basic sex and cuddling (where I'm more versatile) with unusually handsome, oral men appearing to be in their late twenties through thirties with medium to stocky builds. Call ★★7904.

Attractive, Sensitive, Caring
GWM, German & Brazilian descent, loves sharing my life with responsible, stable, caring & cuddling man who can share the simple pleasures of being together and kindling lasting relationship. Race and ethnic origin not important. Prefer Asian or Latin, but not necessary. Me: 6'2", 175#. Let's get to know each other. You won't be disappointed. Call ★★7905.

In Dreams I Walk With U
Just released from Elmwood Correctional. All races, 18-29, needed for intimate evenings together or Sundays with. I am 37 y.o., gym, HIV+. No commitments, no regrets. Call ★★7906.

I Like Ass
This attractive GWM, 40, top, 6'5", 200 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for the safe sex to follow. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim build, nice ass and hungry. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now! Call ★★7907.

Quiet Man
36, 6', 170, dk blond, social, shy, horny, typical guy, HIV+, healthy, masculine in a quiet way, no substance abuse, friendly—hopes to meet a special guy, non-femme, to be my friend and companion. I enjoy hiking, music, adventure, my work, plants, exercise. Consider the possibilities, not the barriers. Good-looking and masculine—hope you are too. PO Box 1217, Sebastopol 95473.

Snuggler's Cove
Super special 55 y.o. GWM, conservative, professional, needs a real good snuggle partner and wants it now! Snuggler is handsome, healthy, HIV-, 185#, 5'10", cleanshaven, straight-appearing, in-shape, topman, cut, hung pretty, not big. Snuggler loves quiet, clean, spiritually oriented men. Likes exercise, walking, travel, music, reading, spiritual pursuits, quiet companionship and sex. Adores and takes good care of real men who are good-looking, well-built, clean and quiet. Snuggler's dream in the flesh! Reply BT Box MY84B.

I Want A Stable Relationship
I don't lie. I will be there when I say I will. GWM, 42, tender, funny, tall, hairy, cleanshaven, listener, talker, wants to build into a trusting, monogamous relationship. Interests include journalism, rock/soul music, writing, performing, organizing community events, comedy and radio. My friends say I'm good-looking, but that's why they're my friends. There is tenderness behind my honesty, no drugs, cigarettes or alcohol. Call ★★7908.

Serious, Intimate Relationship
Looking for serious, intimate relationship with intelligent, attractive man, 30-50. I value honesty, sensitivity, shared values, social consciousness, and a willingness to work out differences as they arise. I'm 44, 5'7", slim, Jewish, European-born, and an artist. If this interests you, perhaps we could meet and see if the chemistry is there too. Call ★★7909.

Bridge Tennis Sail Bike Golf
Handsome GWM, 6', 175#, seeks partner for any or all of above. Inter, dupl. bridge & tennis, adv., begin. Sailor (Newport 20), biking (rd. or mtn.), golf. Let's see how we play together & what develops. PO Box 1755, Ross 94957 (photo appreciated & returned with one of mine) or call ★★7910.

Give Me A Hug
I'm interested in meeting a nice HIV- bottom man who likes himself and has the capacity of giving and receiving love, with a positive attitude toward life. I'm early 50s, 5'8½", 145 lbs., HIV-, fit, top, cleanshaven, hairy, balding, white Spanish/English speaking from the Caribbean, very sensual (of course), spiritual, nonsmoker, non-user, non-drinker and monogamous. Reply BT Box MY85B or call ★★7911.

Latin, 25, Looking For Friends
GLM, very proportioned, small, HIV-, wants to meet men, 30-45, mature and secure, who like world traveling, dining out, and many other interests. No drugs, alcohol or smokers. Reply BT Box MY86B or call ★★7912.

This Ad Might Be For You
Meeting guys in bars who are attracted to me physically has never been a problem, but meeting guys who share my interests and values is tough. Men focus on my looks, height (6'5") and the fact I'm blond, hairy, naturally masculine and like putting on a police uniform sometimes. I'm a Christian of Catholic/Orthodox orientation, a recognized local painter and sculptor who's got a great job with a high-tech company. Also, I'm an intellectual with a wide ranging interest in art, architecture, music, history (particularly Russian history), other things cultural and current events. Frequently, I travel to Europe on business and I'm involved in restoring a royal palace there. My buddies tell me I've got a strong yet gentle and caring personality. It would be great to meet some masculine guys around 30-44 (I'm 39), looks are not the primary thing I'm looking for (that I can find in the bars if I want); I'm more interested in your mind and your heart. Tell me about yourself and what's important to you. Reply BT Box MY87B or call ★★7913.

Noble Friendship? Enduring Love?
My handsome appearance, silky olive skin, chiseled muscular physique, exude sensuality. My affectionate temperament, masculinity, athletic grace and sensitivity warm your heart. My intelligence, strength of character and emotional maturity might touch your soul. Yes, I have the capacity to recognize my flaws too. Just wondering how you can enrich our lives. Physical fitness, emotional maturity, capacity for passion and long-term intimacy desirable. Race/color unimportant. Letter/photo: 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114.

Dark & Hairy?
Slightly stocky? 30-45? Handsome? Got a healthy mind & body? Huge sense of humor? Robust libido? Wanna go steady with a lanky, fair, artistic type? If so, call! Let's see if opposites really attract! Attractive GWM, 29; 6', 150 lbs., blnd/blue, hung, seeks prospective boyfriend. I'm versatile, good-hearted, clever, love making out, honest, funny. Hate bores & bars. How about you? Call ★★7914.

Bad Boy
GWM, 25, blond hair, blue eyes, 175 lbs., 6'2", originally from Toronto, now living in Vancouver, B.C., Canada; looking for very financially secure older gentleman who can provide pleasurable lifestyle in exchange for companionship. Respond to Box 2307, 1644 Nelson St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6G 2Y9.

Let's Fuck, Then Be Friends
Looking for male as angry, passionate and horny as me for sex first, then whatever. Me: 6', 35 y.o., 175#, versatile/bottom, into militant queer politics and culture. Sexually, I want safety first, then someone sensitive and kind enough to let us both really explore and go wild. You: under 45 y.o., fit and trim, human race. Call ★★7915.

Fun 'N' Sexy Oral Gemini
Passionate and orally playful Gemini, good-looking, masculine, in-shape, Mediterranean type, 30, looking for younger, fair-skinned, smooth, taller guys, (I'm 5'10", 170), who could enjoy occasional, regular oral session of all manly body parts without any hangups or overbearing commitments. I love using my mouth and would love to find someone who could enjoy letting go and having fun with what feels good. Call ★★7916.

You: GWM, clean-cut, average/tall, proportionate build, healthy, intelligent, fun-loving, NS/HD, 21 to 52. Me: GWM, outgoing, masculine, professional, versatile top, 6', 175#, very good-looking/youthful 52. Us: loving, monogamous, active, adventurous, cultural, permanent. Please respond to PO Box 411, Kentfield 94914 (photo appreciated and returned with one of mine) or call ★★7917.

Love Passing You By?
You're unappreciated because others want only hunky bodies, flashy superficial style and concrete genitals; not loyalty, trust, sensitivity, love. Perhaps you're shy? Socially uneasy? Out of shape? Older? Leery of intimacy? Low libido? Vulnerable? Hurt too often? You're really kind, gentle, creative, intelligent, humorous, musical, educated, financially secure, mature, attractive, masculine, seeking monogamous permanent male mate, about 44-56, HIV-, (smoker/social drinker OK) and, with right man, potentially fantastic. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Write—tell me all about it. Reply BT Box MY88B or call ★★7918.

Muscled GWM Seeks Same
Me: 5'10", 37 yrs., 175 lbs., GWM, brown hair/eyes, HIV-, well-muscled w/a great smile, "coat and tie" type during the day. I enjoy the gym after work and then a quiet evening. Weekends consist of skiing, tennis, watching football games, getting together w/friends and even raising a little hell. You: 25-45, HIV-, masc., well-muscled, 175 lbs.+, works hard during the week but can let loose on the weekends. Let's get together and get to know each other. While I'd love to meet that special guy, I'm not conducting a day-to-day search either. My friends tell me I'm quite a catch, so I guess it's time to place this ad and see what happens. If this sounds interesting to you, why not give it a shot? Call ★★7919.

Bearded, Balding, Hot & Hairy
45-yr.-old GWM, 5'8", 182 lbs., HIV-. Sensual, friendly top with a great sense of humor and inner strength. Possibly the best kisser west of the Rockies. Seeking an honest, vulnerable HIV- for long, hot, passionate, animal sex, preceded & followed with heavy cuddling: You in my arms; your eyes look up at me; I hold you very tightly; we sigh! Must like dogs. Race not important. Call ★★7920.

GWM Seeking GAM
(Boring Headline, Read The Ad!)
You: GAM (Southeast Asian), 20-32 years, intelligent, good-looking, relatively tall, HIV-. Me: GWM (from Europe), 32, 6'2", 180 lbs., handsome, HIV-, very playful (love talking, touching, everything) but also sincere. Active life, good heart, play cello, like cafes more than bars. Why do I want to meet you? I lived in SE Asia (teaching at Chulalongkorn until March) and really liked the people and cultures. Now I live in San Francisco and am ready for a boyfriend. Don't miss your chance: Please write me. Reply BT Box MY89B or call ★★7921.

Furry Backs
Are what I like to cuddle with. I am a good-looking, 35, GWM, balding, beard, 5'11", 160, hairy with great eyes. I'm more bottom than top, honest, romantic, grounded, communicative, creative, stable and monogamous. I offer a positive attitude, career, fun and emotional stability. I have many personal interests and so do you, and if you want to share these attributes and offer them in return, call ★★7922.

Buffed Up—Not!
Though I do love my men meaty—not overweight!—you need not be buffed perfect. You must tall, dark, handsome, wickedly witty, intelligent, adventurous, hairy, HIV-, age 30-37, varied interests. Let's learn new things. Me? 6'2", 190 lbs., 33, tall, dark, handsome and smooth. Friendship first, sex later. Photos always fun. Phone. Reply to: Mr. M., PO Box 2164, San Jose 95109.

Libertarian-Objectivist
GWM, mid-40s, OK looks, 5'9", 160 lbs., looking for, among other things, individual interested in ideas on liberty. Similar interests may lead elsewhere. Reply BT Box MY90B.

Slim Asian Wanted
Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Not Clean-Cut And Conservative
Positive, good-looking, 25 y.o. GWM, w/long brown hair and smooth hard body. Into working out, travel, camping, art projects and motorcycles. I'm 5'8", 135 lbs., HIV+, healthy and versatile. Prefer books, performance art, cabaret, plays, movies and museums to TV. Not into gay bars or drugs, light toke/drink OK. Looking for attractive, non-superficial, non-bitchy, non-

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pretentious, nice slim-to-skinny guy to hang out with and release my pent-up sexual energy. Call ★★7923.

Life's Wonderful

I have a kind heart and an open spirit and I work on being emotionally centered, with lots to be thankful for. I live in a beautiful city with a successful business. I am interested in meeting a nurturing man who is conscious about his health and well-being. If you're a nonsmoker and interested in meeting with me, reply PO Box 15484 or call ★★7924.

It Shows Keys

On the right side, but a lot more could be said. Gray can be a confusing color to some, but I like it better than blue. Although blue can be hot too. 32 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 155 lbs., bl/bl, with beard, seeks the left side type for true blue and gray. What's your favorite color? Call ★★7925.

Leather Romantic

GWM, active 50s, 5'9", 135#, HIV-, nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker, affectionate, stable, supportive, bearded dad. Seeks in-shape lover/friend, 40+, to share SF home life and safe, passionate leather/rubber sex. Interests include travel, music (classical to jazz), film, cooking, conversation, outdoors, western gear/boots, dining out/entertaining in. Facial hair/bald a plus, but open to all types. Letter/photo appreciated or call. Reply BT Box MY91B or call ★★7926.

Do You Hate Loni Hancock?

Then we share something already. Berkeley GWM, mid-30s, bl/bl, healthy and fit, boyish good looks, MBA. Into politics, collecting art, jazz, performance theater, hiking, skiing, practical jokes on my housemates, and tubbing. You have similar interests plus your own. You're 25-40, mature, fun, charming, creative and attractive. You seek friendship and monogamy. Well, enough said. Now, maybe my housemates will leave me alone! Call ★★7927.

Hold Me Down!

This bearded prof., 40s, 5'10", 165, masculine, attractive, is looking for naturally masculine (cute?) younger (over 18) guy who likes dominating submissive older guys in bed. I love being held & physically restrained by someone stronger but caring. No brutality, drugs or weirdness. Open to relationship. Photo gets quick reply. Reply BT Box MY92B.

Have A Great Pride Day!

GWM, HIV+, not straight-acting! Like Nuevo Punk Boys, Dykes on Bikes, living in the City. I pump iron, read poetry, C&W dance and love to party on Pride Day. Good sense of humor, don't smoke tobacco. Brown hair & eyes, healthy, active, easy-going, describes me. What about you? Piercings, tattoos? A streak of lunacy? Give me a call. Call ★★7928.

Chemistry And Reason

Relationship based on the fire of mutual attraction and clear thinking free of excessive neurosis, dependencies. Not stuck in fetishes. Real caring, listening, respecting, willingness to put your mind to it. Space for intense sensuality, easeful togetherness. If this makes sense, check out this GWM, 50, HIV-, professional, Irish-American, 5'8", 165#. See whether we can make "our poems rhyme." Reply BT Box MY93B or call ★★7929.

"God Bless The Child"

To reach the light at the end of the tunnel; my dream—now my reality. I'm a GBM, 26, 6', 160 lbs., professional. Looking for a sincere, fun-loving man. Someone not captivated by the gay scene, but more intrigued by making a difference, changing the world. I'm fun-loving, great sense of humor, sharp-witted and ready for a relationship. You: HIV-, my age, any race, tall a+ and willing to get to know a shy extrovert. Please write, send photo. Reply BT Box MY94B or call ★★7930.

Jasmine-Scented Nights

in Sybaris. We, entwined, your playful catamitic fantasy animated. Your secret bud opens to enthrone the root, and blossoms with delight. You hear my word though it is unspoken. You feel my touch before the gesture has begun. And for a short time, our two breaths sweeten the world in our postcoital bliss. Reply BT Box MY95B.

Can You Find Eureka?

Very attractive Italian, very young 59, 5'8", 155, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard, moustache, hairy chest, uncut, employed, seeks monogamous lifemate. I'm honest, considerate, clean, dependable, neat, all-around nice guy. You're early retired or financially secure, relocatable and in good shape as I am. Enjoy home, reading, movies, plants, conversation, board games. All answered. Photo appreciated/returned. M.S., PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043.

Wade Into Always Underneath

Creative guy, 25, 5'8", 130, pagan, vegetarian, HIV-, cute, likes to hike, bike, write, explore. Goes past to reason why. Not to stop outside this reason, wearing black and drinking coffee but stepping in the water body's embers, receiving and sending at once, whatever from this core grows. Call ★★7931.

Nice Normal Guy

Yeah, I know. "Normal" is now a politically incorrect word. But if that's a problem for you, you're not what I'm looking for anyway. I'm what was once called "straight-identified"—a regular guy with non-stereotypical interests. I have little in common with most gay men and find them silly and self-absorbed. I'm no closet case (at 37 I'm in SF to step forward, not back) but I don't live in a ghetto either. Sometimes that seems like no-man's-land, most times it's just real life. Looking for a very masculine guy who is bigger than my 5'8", 160, who is an aggressive but affectionate dad/big brother type. Age not as important as a desire for masculine intimacy and buddyship. And a little of that human touch... Call ★★7932.

"Can We All Get Along?"
I Prefer Racial Harmony

BM under 24, smooth—HONEST—sought by handsome WM. I'm 5'11", 150 gym-toned pounds, dark hair, green eyes, hairy body, great smile, fun, loving, generous, artistic, happy, versatile, kind, masculine, respected, stable, healthy mind-body; let's start as friends and build toward an honest relationship, based on love and respect. PO Box 410990, #416, SF 94114-2588 or call ★★7933. Peace.

Shaved Head?

You've been aerodynamic for years, and I've been looking for you. You are 30-45, fit, smart, kind, and have a wry sense of humor. I am 30, 5'10", 165, and waspy (outwardly only). We are both HIV-, safe, passionate, and inspired by leather (other than yours), NS, ND, etc.... Call ★★7934.

Prime Boy Seeks Prime Daddy

Very handsome, early 30s, 6', 165 lbs., br/bl, HIV-, prof., outgoing, well-rounded, transplanted East Coast boy with a solid, shaved, swimmer's build, looking for a muscular, tall, cultured, successful, 35-50 y.o., not too hairy, HIV-, mentor/daddy to share role play, BD, spanking, tit play, toys, cuddling, travel, the outdoors, cultural stuff and a life together. Letter and (returnable) revealing photo gets mine, sir. Reply BT Box MY96B.

Romance Awaits You

Seeking a romantic friendship that will blossom. Someone with qualities similar or complementary to my own. I am a very good-looking Black male who enjoys a quality lifestyle. Varied interests from exploring the outdoors, culture & arts, politics, to extended weekends or weekly excursions. If you are an articulate, fun, warm, romantic & sensitive, masculine, HIV+ male who is in the range of 30 to 40 yrs. old as myself, then don't miss this opportunity. Courtship, laughter, sharing, good times and intrigue await us. Don't think twice. Call ★★7935.

Sex, But Not Just Sex

Friendship, but not "just friends." Culturally Jewish GWM seeks white/Asian/Pacific Islander for cuddling, conversation, JO. Me: 40, bright, musical, humorous, short, trim, bald, graying; enjoy learning about different cultures (including my own), listening to foreign-language rock music, sightseeing and exploring in SF and vicinity. You: enjoy your body, have interests you like discussing in and out of bed, have full head of hair (alternative haircuts OK). Us: nonsmokers, non-druggers, non-(or light-)drinkers, cleanshaven face, enjoy the feel of naked flesh. Eclectic (but optional) pluses: assertive small guys; young-looking chunky guys; completely gray-haired 50+ guys who've taken care of themselves. Please write PO Box 190188, Rincon Center, SF 94119 or call ★★7936. (English/Cantonese.)

Where Fantasy Meets Reality...

Attractive GWM, down-to-earth, professional, romantic, funny and masculine (38, 5'8", 150 lbs.), seeking similar. I'm more interested in a man with a big heart than a big dick. Sexually, I'm very oral and tactile (nice chests make me drool). I tend to be attracted to beefy guys, but I'd rather have a warm, caring, masculine man than a Colt model (don't quote me). Be adventurous and call ★★7937.

Black And White

I'd like to hear from men of all ages and backgrounds who want to meet men of other races, but are having trouble doing so. I know several racially mixed, happy couples, and many men who want to meet people of color, for social gatherings, dates, etc. Include brief description of you and who you're looking for, stamped SASE and picture. BW, Box 421752, SF 94142-1752 or call ★★7938.

Handsome, Masculine Men Wanted

to explore relationship possibilities. You should enjoy exploring the great outdoors and truly enjoy mountain biking, bicycle touring, hiking, backpacking and cross-country skiing. Prefer 24-40, nonsmoker, HIV-, easygoing with weekends free, financially secure. I'm 32, tall, lean, live in SF but don't go to bars. I'd like my companion to be positive, energetic, honest, monogamous, environmentally conscious, and my best friend. Call ★★7939.

Black Seeks Bearded Dad

I'm 30, 5'7", 150 lbs., slim, well-hung, HIV-, masculine and good-looking. You're older, any race, friendly, sincere and, like me, enjoy camping, hiking, travel, the movies, cooking, reading, quiet nights at home and, not to forget, hot safe sex. Will respond to all, but please be serious. R.S., PO Box 28641, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7940. Dads with moustaches are also welcome.

Needle In A Haystack

That's you and me. Seeking true and faithful companion for the long run. I'm 37, 5'8", 130 lbs., HIV-, Jewish, cleanshaven, with long dark hair. You're a top over 30 who's naturally masculine, affectionate and very romantic. Huskiness is a plus, a kind heart a must. I'm not the usual type and neither should you be. Let's explore the possibilities and free each other. Call ★★7941.

Sexy & Open-Hearted

Me: GWM, 175 lbs., 25 y.o., long dk hair, blue eyes, cute massage therapist into psychology, spirituality & meditation. I am open-minded, bright, communicative, compassionate, honest, funny, mostly bottom but not a "girl." Not into bars or gay scenes. You: 6' or more, dark hair, butch of center, mostly top, below 40, good-looking, open-hearted, affectionate, warm, intelligent, original, creative, passionate. You have a special spark to your personality and love to interact in an authentic way. Dark skin & hair a plus. Call ★★7942.

Physical & Spiritual Partner

Sought by attractive, creative professional WM, 41 (look 30s), HIV-, straight-acting, 5'10", 145, slim, smooth, daily swimmer with black hair, moustache & hazel eyes. I have a fulfilling career & am building a new life focused on personal/spiritual growth (Course in Miracles). I am warm, caring, romantic, bright, open-minded & a good listener/talker with sense of humor. I prefer intimate gatherings to parties, diverse friends to gay scene, urban culture to TV, serenity to drama. I'm playful, need lots of affection & want to make real love, not have sex. I'm seeking an accomplished, like-minded man, HIV-, 30-40ish, attractive/masculine/in shape with an open heart who is capable of genuine commitment to a partnership based on trust, friendship & faith. Letter/photo please. Reply BT Box MY97B.

Asian Fellow

Looking for compatible friend. I'm an attractive, slim Asian who is personable, stable and intelligent. I like exploring the city, parks, nature and home leisure activities. Seeking someone who is attractive, easygoing and bright. Not a requirement but especially interested in Asian and Indian persons, persons near 30, and smaller built persons. Boxholder, 5214-F Diamond Heights, Suite 406, SF 94131.

Sks Older Hairy Top

Attractive guy, 38, dark hair, blue eyes, trim, clean-cut, smart, successful, very friendly and fun. Likes architecture, music, books, travel, hiking, sex, the beach—looking for bright and affectionate partner, 38-50, masculine, intellectually inclined, professional, trim, preferably cleanshaven, and hairy. I'm HIV- and you should be too. Call ★★7943.

Touching, Hugging, Kissing

I'm a romantic searching for that sensual and sexy man who wants the same. Vanilla is perfect. I'm GWM, 5'6", 145 lbs., blond/green, cute, turning 40—look younger, HIV+ (asymptomatic). I like movies, TV, theater, Ella to Aretha, opera to KKSF, some drinking, sharp wit, communication from the heart. Usually a bottom. Seeks similar age/height or younger, nonsmoker, honest, emotionally and financially secure, handsome man to

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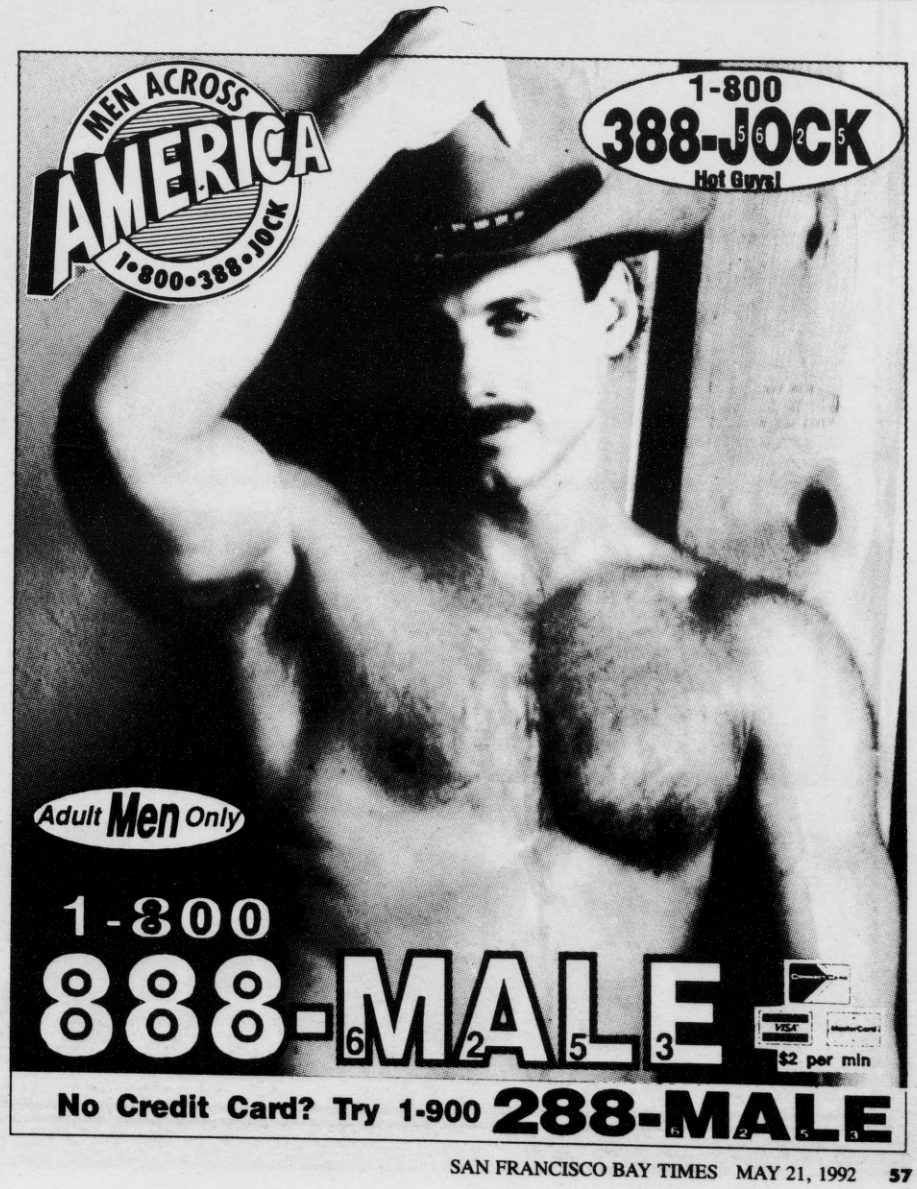

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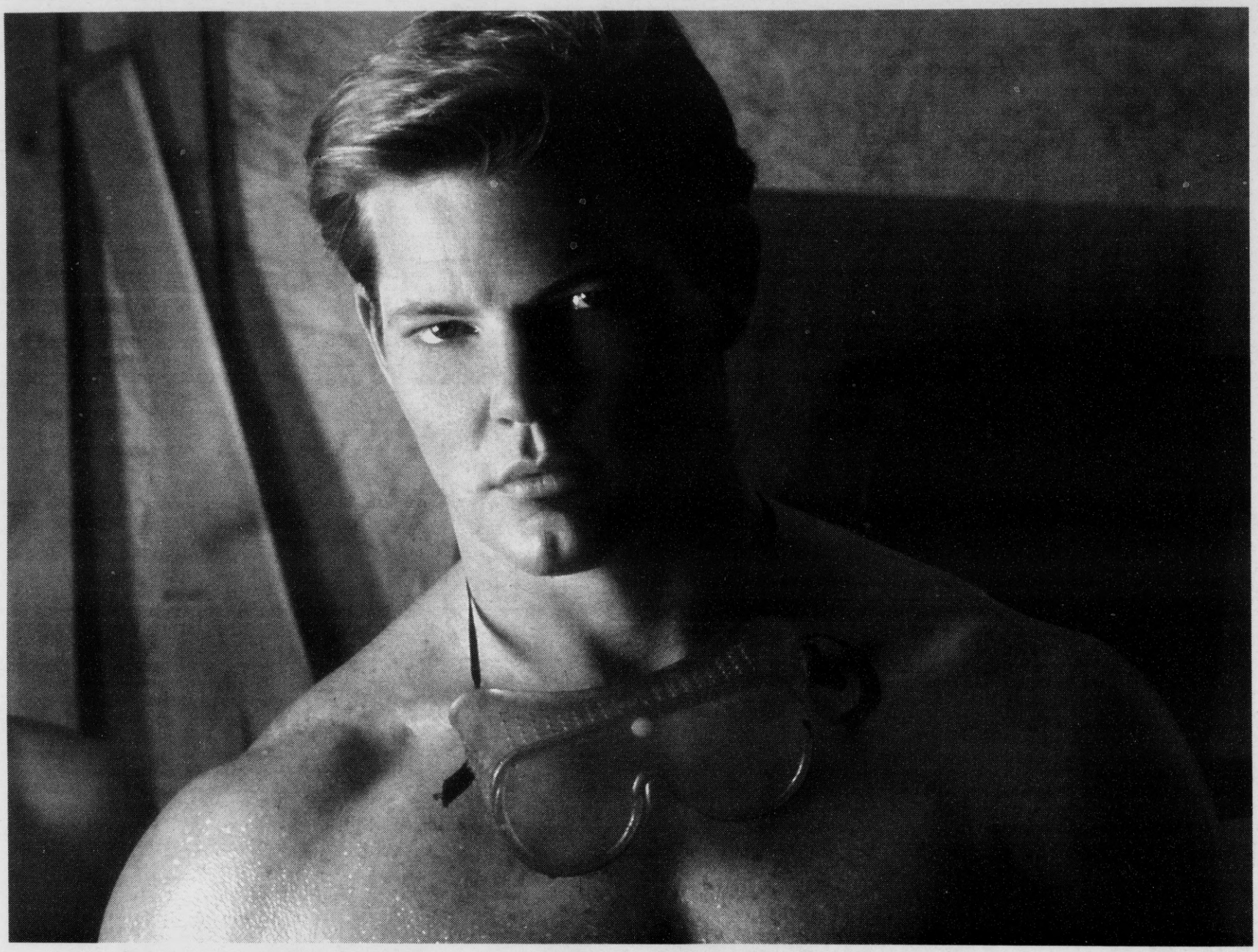

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Laid back, Erin, 27, 6', soft brown eyes, long black hair. Ext. 2236 call me.

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Will, 21, GBM, drop me a line at my mail box. Ext. 2452

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Some like it Ruff, Ray, well fit strong men, drop me a line. Ext. 1741

Greg, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, looking for companionship, someone interesting, honest and sincere for midnite dates. Ext. 1749

Gentlemen, I'm available, GM, 20 Philippino, looking for exciting whites or latinos 18-30, let's do it, call my box. Ext. 1779

Dan, seeking companionship and great intimate times, blond hair, hazel eyes, great physiques only. Ext. 1634

Men 20-30, leave description of your pleasure. Just let me know what you want, all races. Ext. 1801

Kerry honest and intimate relationship, playful and fun. Tell me about yourself. Ext. 1802

Surfer Boy, loves the beach. Like to swim seeking 18-25 year olds. Ext. 1670

Rick, blond hair, 39'6 180lbs, very fit, young at heart seeks life partner, walks on the beach and roller coaster rides. Ext.1709

Doug, black, seeking serious relationship, clean no HIV. Ext. 1579

6'3 long blonde hair clean shaven 190lb. looking for someone new to gaylife 20-50 looking to experiment, couples a plus. Ext. 1625

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

In S.F., Exotic, Spanish, Hawaiian, 5'6", 120lbs., 20, looking for fun or serious commitment. Ext. 4675

Santa Rosa, Reuben, health professor, 29, looking to date for social times together. Ext. 4771

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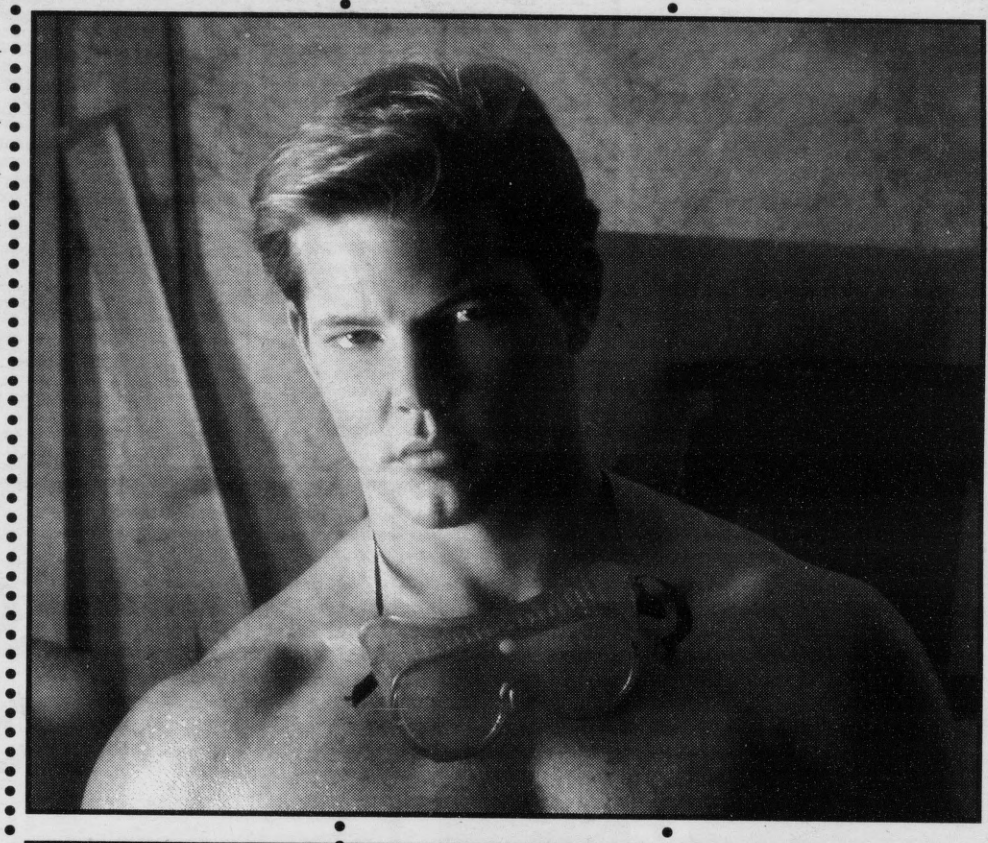

THIS WEEK'S MAN FINDER MAIN ATTRACTION

Handsome, 20, 5'8", looking for older sincere gentleman in California. Ext. 4706

Bob, clean, active, seek phone fun. Test drive avail. Ext. 1587

GWM needs older passionate man to take care of me and travel. I'm monogamous, caring and warm looking for life partner. This is new for me. Ext. 1592

Roy, 5'10 likes everything, TS, Lingering, sure to show you a good time. Ext. 1596

Sam, likes to cuddle, perform. Ext. 1599

Jason, 21, East-Indian, like fishing movies, dining, and love getting massages! Ext. 1605

Surfer Boy, young California dude, 21, seek same for fun in the sun and whatever. Partier a plus. Ext. 1893

Wayne, blue eyes, mustache, clean, seeking new friends, no commitments. Ext. 1721

Tom, 23 years young, College jock, blond, blue eyes. Call Me! Ext. 2629

Reno man looking for guys 25-35, travel to SF and Russian River Area frequently. Leave a message in my mail box if interested. Ext. 2838

Handsome, 20, 5'8", looking for older sincere gentleman in California. Ext. 4706

In S.F., Exotic, Spanish, Hawaiian, 5'6", 120lbs., 20, looking for fun or serious commitment. Ext. 4675

SF Versatile, and aggressive, 24, 6'5", 215lbs. Defined body. Ext. 3746

S.F. Philapino, 25, 5'6", 120lbs.. Ext. 4675

Russian River, 31, blond, 6', 190lbs., like to party. Ext. 4598

SF Versatile, and aggressive, 24, 6'5", 215lbs. Defined body. Ext. 3746

San Jose, Puerto rican/Italian call John's mail Box. Ext. 4416

Novice, in S.F., Craig, 27 blond, 5'7". Ext. 3746

SF, 19, and cute, funny, Jimmy, brown hair, 6', 160lbs. Ext. 4373

Mike, Native SF, 37, 1/2 Italian, 1/2 Mexican, good looking, masculine, love to read the classics. Ext. 4522

Submissive, 25, boyish looking seeking other men. Ext. 4446

Into Wrestling? 195lb er seeks wrestling partner into the safe scene. Ext. 4781

San Francisco How about my neck of the woods? Ext. 4225

SF, Enjoy very masculine men 25, 5'10", brown hair, Ext. 3989

Kick back and get worked on. Ext. 4228

San Francisco How about my neck of the woods? Ext. 4225

Joey SF 26, Tall and in good shape. looking for white men only. Ext. 4241

Seeking tall men ask for michael. Ext. 4244

Greg, 25, blond, blue, athletic, 140lbs. Ext. 4273

Mike, 36, Bodybuilder seeking men. Ext. 4323

Mike, 26, with a 29 inch waist seeks phone fun. Ext. 4287

Steve, 25, 6'2", 200lbs., with brown hair, looking for the same for good times Ext. 4301

22, Very Masculine, 5'11", 145lbs. interested in meeting the same. Ext. 3907

Super nice guy Italian/Irish very good looking seeks hot guys. Ext. 3788

Safe fun wanted in San Francisco. Ext. 3792

Try Me! I'm 21, 6', 165lbs., blond, looking for south bay guys. Ext. 3821

Looks not important Mexican man looking for a good time, early mornings OK. Ext. 3827

Sam, 32, interested in phone fun, leave message in my box. Ext. 3833

Versatile, well built, Tony, 27. Ext. 3837

New to California good looking, 5'11", 180lbs., dark hair, seeks relationship. Ext. 3838

GWM, 23, likes snowboarding, outdoors, seeks emotionally secure male. Ext. 3856

Asian looking for Asians. Ext. 3719

Buddy, live alone, looking for new friends. Ext. 3740

Stockton, Eddy, 27 looking to meet new friends. Ext. 3952

GWM slender, 22, masculine. Ext.3242

Ed, 27, like to meet new people. Ext.3431

Mike, 23, call anytime. Ext.3434

SF, Conrad. Ext. 3518

SF Cowboy, New to town, love outdoors, 28 cowboy from Texas looking for sun & fun in Calif. Ext.3404

SF Bob, 24, Oak grove, HIV+, 6'1, 180, no fats. Ext.3390

Tony 6'2, 32, brown hair, smooth body, good shape, looking for fun and friendship. Ext.3359

Charles, 18, looking for gorgeous men. Ext.3272

20, Hispanic and blue eyes, energetic risk taker. Ext. 3299

Just out, need help, 6'2, 180, 38 years old, brown hair. Ext.3329

Asian, or Italian types. Ext. 3169

SF, Surfers? GW Men 18-25. Ext. 3200

San Francisco, I'm a beginner looking for advice. Ext. 2660

San Francisco Artist, looking for a model, Call Richard at Ext. 2687

Tony, No. California 48, Interested in dating young 18-30 slim. Ext. 1658

San Francisco 1st timer, bi-curious excited, need teacher for massage or more. Ext. 1590

Jay, athletic, 36, in San Francisco seeking attractive white men under 32, ready for work-out. Ext. 1176

Howard, in SF, 32 professional 5'10, sports, safe fun, discreet. Ext. 1160

Craig, 36, 190, San Mateo, NS, No drink, prefer Latinos 18-23. 1st timers spec. service, serious only. No calls after 10pm. Ext. 1581

Redding, CA Service oriented. Do you like being spoiled? Call Harvey, 45, white, I'll buy it you'll fly! Ext. 2340

Wrestling? Blond, blue eyes, Bob, 6', 195, well built. Ext. 2419

Just Divorced, San Mateo, CA, 53, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, blond hair. Ext. 2430

Latino Men, 35-40 in SF, Richard, looking for friends and more. Ext. 2589

Randy, 32, blond hair, handsome, in Concord, looking for friendly in shape guy early 30's. Ext. 2318

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Unique Man Sought

Good-looking, masculine WM, late 30s, cleanshaven, nice physique (5'10", 150), seeks similar man who likes taking charge in the bedroom. I'm semi-hedonistic, enjoy movies, rock music, sports, nature, quiet times. Looking for man with class, intelligence and sense of humor. Prefer liberal-minded, professional, easygoing, rugged looks, straight-appearing, kinky, into fantasies (but not risky activities). Call ★★7945.

Hope Murdoch Seeks Michael Steadman

Well, sort of. GWM, film student (23) seeks companion to share quiet weekend time (perhaps at a film retrospective or revival). You are an educated (but not pedantic) professional who is stable, sensitive, caring, communicative, witty, attractive, trim, HIV-, drug-free, and does not smoke or use excessive alcohol. You are also mature enough to deal with life's little ups and downs (since they always exist). I am attractive, slender, mature, responsible, independent, dryly humorous, bookish, non-athletic (unless you count exploring the City's neighborhoods on foot) and somewhat shy. "thirtysomething"-bashers need not apply. Full description please. Photos returned. Reply BT Box MY99B.

Friendship And Fun

Me: 27 y.o., 5'11", 160#, Latin with Mediterranean good looks. Confident but shy, street smart, contemporary, youthful, free spirited, lonely, communicative, in good physical shape. You: Stable, secure, excited about life, cute or sexy, warm, affectionate, under 32, communicative, in good physical shape. I'm interested in casual dating, great sex, romance, exploration, having lots of fun and—when it happens—a relationship. Call ★★7946.

Lust... And Maybe More

Unique, fun-loving, relationship-free, 27-year-old male, seeks partner/friend for ongoing, mutually satisfying, libidinous activities. Prospective playmates should be sensual, adventurous, healthy, fit, romantic, affectionate, uninhibited. Self-assurance, honesty, intelligence, humor, curiosity, and happiness are important to us both. My heart races for sexy, dark-featured men (Latino especially); you swoon over tall, handsome Anglo types. Sweaty nights, mornings entwined, kissing marathons, tactile explorations—be prepared for all of the above. Our personal interests run the gamut, with an emphasis on the hip and unconventional. Let's put an end to lonely nights! For more details, leave a revealing message. Call ★★7947.

Things That Go Boink

28 y.o. QWB (6'2", 170#, brn/grn, cleanshaven, trim) enjoys all-night dancing, End-Up weekend AMs, silliness, talking, drinks on the roof with friends, laughing in bed, holding hands. Have great friends but would like someone with similar interests to cuddle, boink, explore fantasies. Prefer cleanshaven guys my age. Great smile a must. Call ★★7948.

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Exceptional Young Man

I'm writing this ad for a young Black man I know who's having a hard time finding a good man for good sex. He's 26, 5'11", 160#, cleanshaven, smooth and really, really fine. All he wants is a good-looking man, any race, who's good at fucking and truly hung. If you have nine thick inches or more, give it a try and call ★★7950.

Show Me Yours, I'll Show You Mine

Short, 5'5", good shape, hairy legs, ass, w/e, 39 y.o. voyeur, likes to watch, be watched, JO together. Any age, but must have hairy legs. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361.

Fun-Loving Black Guy

Hi! I'm a 27 y.o. Black guy, 5'7", 140#, smooth, good build, employed, versatile/mostly top, looking for a fun-loving guy for sex and possibly a relationship. You should be my age or near, my height or shorter, employed, live in SF or nearby, versatile/mostly bottom, white or Asian, and drug-free. A taste of leather would be a plus. Call ★★7951.

Slightly Tarnished White Knight

Quick-witted, blue-eyed, handsome Prince Charming, seeks noble partner for meeting and perhaps more. GWM, 5'10", 155, 39. Experienced in relationships, secure personally and professionally, work out regularly. Enjoy shared dinners, romance, beaches, hiking, movies, music and silly banter with NS, HIV-, successful, down-to-earth 30-45 y.o. man. Those requiring sexual menu in ad should wait for the next horse to pass by. Call ★★7952.

Loving Relationship Sought—I'll Treat You Right

GWM-GAM, 18-28, smooth, drug-free, cute to handsome, in-shape, looking for a monogamous relationship. I'm WM, 45, 6', 175#, hairy, athletic, HIV-, wealthy businessman. I live in Arizona with my golden retriever and parrot; all I need is someone special to share life's finest with. Please write me c/o 584 Castro St., #416, SF 94114 or call ★★7953.

Man of Color

Wanted for friendship or possible long-term relationship by healthy, mature, sensual, 33 y.o. GWM, 6'1", 180 lbs., r/b, HIV-, physically active, into film, literature, long walks, serious conversation, "Are You Being Served?," romance, massage, music, politics, etc. I'm looking for an emotionally available, self-assured guy, 27-40 or so, non-obese, secure, honest, open-minded, politically progressive, fun-loving, who doesn't take himself too, too seriously. I know you're out there so give a call and let's see what happens. Call ★★7954.

Contra Costa Or East Bay

GWM, 30, would like to meet another GWM, under 35, for possible relationship. I'm 5'9", 150 lbs., with brown hair and moustache. Interests include: the outdoors, music, movies, videos, bike riding, writing and computers. I'm not into smoking, drugs or insincere people. We're both HIV-, masculine and clean-cut, stable, value honesty, believe in monogamy, and are not into the gay scene. Please write to PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★7955.

Hey You!

Yes you, that handsome man in his late twenties/early thirties who is looking for that attractive 31-yr.-old, 6', 155 lbs., br/bl, athletic, professional, all-American man with a full, busy life who wants to meet some new and exciting people and someday Mr. Right or maybe even just an occasional roll in the hay. Well, guess what? That's me! If you are of similar stats, honest, with a good sense of humor, know how to have a good time and enjoy life, then drop me a line and let's talk. Call ★★7956.

What To Say?

GWM, 44, 5'10", 160#, brn hair, moustache, balding, blue, HIV-, masculine, hairy, good shape, sense of humor, personable, likes conversation, sex, hiking, films, etc. Looking to meet men, 35-55, in good shape, friendly, (facial hair, balding a plus), to ge to know, to date or for fun and frolic. Box 14112, 4304 18th St., SF 94114 or call ★★7957.

Hung, Uncut, Tactile Voyeur

Tall, thin, dark-haired Latino masseur, 39, likes watching, being watched, masturbating and sometimes touching with other uncut men—especially thin, young and/or hung over 8" like me. Let's arrange adventurous—& seemingly "chance"—encounters around town (brief OK). I love catching glimpses in restrooms, through windows, etc. Also possible: massage or sensual stroking/rubbing. I'm a childlike, eternal "beginner" who loves playing "Show me yours & I'll show you mine." Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7958.

Senior Soiree!

Endowed East Bay Black man hosts small, sexy, safe get-togethers for hot, hung, senior men. XX videos, music, refreshments, aroma, relief. Sincere, open-minded individuals only please. Usually on weekends. Direct phone number (no machines) to: Occupant, PO Box 7441, Oakland 94601 or call ★★7959.

Sailor Seeks Relationship

For monogamous adventure aboard my sailboat. I'm 39, 170, 5'11" and ready to share the experience of a lifetime. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★7960.

Sonoma County Summer Fun

Tall, dark and handsome, masculine, 26-year-old, would like to meet a nice guy in the area for summer dating. Please be straight or normal-appearing, good body or athletic. I am 6'1", 180 lbs., brown/brown, dark complexion, in good shape and will take the time to write back or call. Write letter to Boxholder #187, 6585 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park 94928 or call ★★7961.

Love & Affection

Do you see yourself as stable, romantic, attractive & healthy? How about passionate, curious, quiet, gentle, humorous & flexible—with a willingness to work on relationship, seek the truth & open to intimacy and in your own personal way embrace the spiritual component of life. Me: 50 & most of the above (on a good day), short, HIV-, mostly top, but open. PO Box 6704, Santa Rosa 95406 or call ★★7962.

Intimate Care

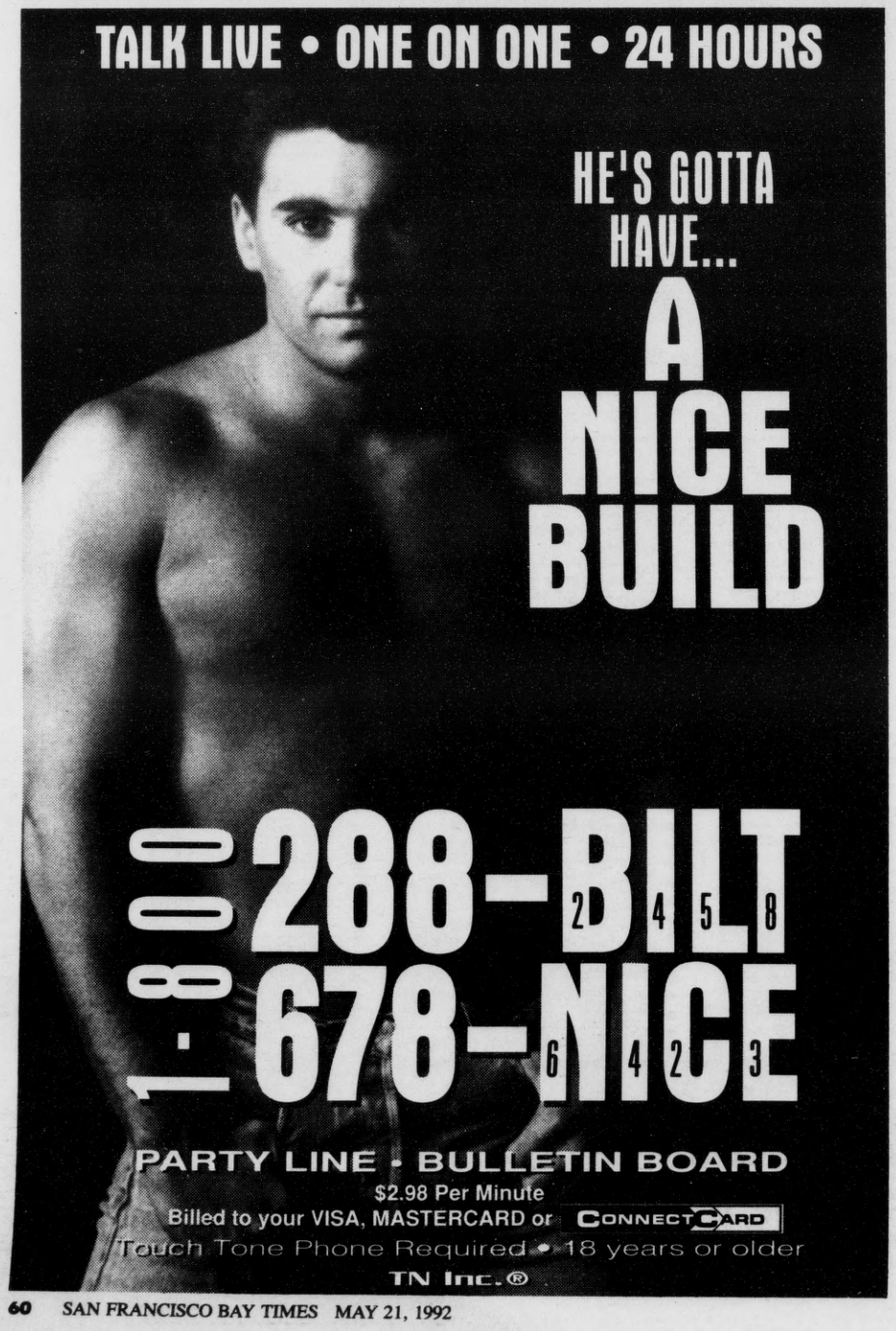
Man, 50, short, sensual, safe, sane and stimulating—seeks younger, independent, responsible, HIV- friend with delicious, sexy, smooth bottom for good times. Let's get it on, get it in and live the dance of love with zeal, affection and tender care. We can open up and be there for one another. I'm in East Bay and Russian River areas. PO Box 3242, Oakland 94609-0242 or call ★★7963.

I'm 38 y.o., 5'7", 130#, Glasses

Somewhat Buddhist, sort of an artist. Well-educated but can still think. Interested in human behavior and expression, and everything else. Sometimes quiet, emotionally available. Sometimes raucous and stupid. Enjoy nature and the wonders of urban life. Looking for average-looking guys w/unique spirits for adventures of all kinds. Call ★★7964.

Seeking Romance

Sex, then relationship, with a younger, together,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educated guy who can be quiet and romantic or wild and kinky. Some interests include hiking, camping, cooking, dining out, bike rides, dance, music, hot, passionate, versatile sex. You don't need to like all of the above (well, one is mandatory). Hopefully you'll bring new ideas. You are HIV-, sexy, nonsmoker, independent but willing to commit. Especially attracted to Asians but not a necessity. Oh yes, I'm WM, 44, lean, healthy, professional by day, open & exploring by night. Call ★★7965.

Artistic Integrity
You: HIV-, distinguished-looking, flexible, creative, entrepreneurial, generous, kind, classy, daring, mature, successful gentleman who is healthy, wealthy and wise. Me: Latin, 27, 5′7″, 140, bl/br, HIV-, uncut, versatile, smooth, sexy, cute, lean, confident and talented. Objective: Share in my accomplishments and failures, and possibly fall in love? Requirements: Qualified, serious respondents only, possessing lots of heart, smarts, grins. Call ★★7966.

Intelligent And Funny
The man of my dreams can make me laugh, is warm and intelligent. I'm looking for someone that wishes to build a life with another man. Me: 25 y.o., GWM, 6′1″, 210 lbs., receding brown/green and HIV-. I enjoy old movies, art, comedy and coffee. Hairy, stocky, big noses, Jewish, Italian are all a plus, but not mandatory. Call or write. Reply BT Box MY101B or call ★★7967.

Dutch Treat
This attractive, college-educated, brown-eyed blond—who is 32, 5′10½″, 158# and boyish-looking—is seeking weekend dinner invitations from affable, mature and stable homosexuals. Respond to "My Dinner Date!" PO Box 561, Brisbane 94005-0561 or call ★★7968.

Sensitive & Sensuous
Slim, tall, dark-eyed, warmhearted, Hispanic-American GWM seeks genuine companions. I'm boyish, 32, HIV-, somewhat shy, cute despite receded hairline, sweet, bottomish, both quiet and playful, affectionate, Buddhist, passionate, very perceptive and communicative, and somewhat new to sexual relationships. My heart longs for kind, spiritual, loving brothers, and the touch of smooth male skin. If you're similar in age, form and spirit, please reach out—I'd love to hug you hello. Reply BT Box MY102B or call ★★7969.

Ah, Wilderness!
Gay/BiWM, 40, 5′6″, 155, in East Bay, neither gorgeous nor ugly, looking for guys into camping & hiking to explore forests, mountains, deserts, backroads with. Am musician (usually days free), unconservative, very earthy, quiet, straight-appearing. Likes include non-electric musics (ragas, bluegrass, opera, jazz, etc.), hot springs, bare feet, marijuana, beer, wilderness, smelly butts, gardens, spicy food, tennis. Prefer similar types whose lives don't consist entirely of the City, the gym, the gay ghetto, the bars, the office, with some degree of freedom from the standard M-F, 40-hr./week routine. All calls returned. Reply BT Box MY103B or call ★★7970.

Daytime Escapade
Handsome Asian, 32, athletic, clean, HIV-, seeks a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★7971.

Freckled Redhead? Sunburnt Blond?
Friendly, affectionate, good-looking, 6 ft., 175 lbs., blond Buddhist man with playful sense of humor, wants to nibble your nipples, buff your butt, and more. I'm healthy, articulate, HIV-, and into cuddling, hot safe sex, sleep-overs and friendship with healthy, lean or muscular guys my size. All responses answered, photos exchanged. Come on, buddy, let's work up a sweat! Boxholder, PO Box 882872, SF 94188 or call ★★7972.

Dad/Son Playing, Equal Partnership
Are you somewhat boyish-looking (trim or slim, not very hairy, any race, perhaps Asian) and ready for a responsible, caring relationship with someone a bit older than you? Are you HIV-, non-substance-dependent? Do you like cuddling, orgasms together, and receiving affectionate daddy-spankings? I'm handsome, 42, 5′11″, 165, bearded, balding, East Bay teacher, "out," musical, non-materialistic but comfortable, love nature walks and city events. Include your phone, please. Photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★7973.

Hot JO
Let me see your hard dick! Looking for guys into erotic, sensuous safe sex. Me: 35, 5′10″, 145 lbs., HIV-, cleanshaven, hairy legs. Open to your fantasy (sorry, no anal sex). You: 25-35, my height or shorter, slim, smooth (Asian a+ +), no facial hair. Let's have some hot fun. Leave message on voice mail with your phone number, description and what turns you on. Call ★★7974.

Wanted: Bottom In Top's Body
You're tall, muscular to overbuilt (beefy!), hostile-looking, moustache, fur, 30-45, masculine, aggressive bottom. You're always mistaken for a top—if not a straight construction worker or trucker. I'm 30, 6′, well-defined, athletic build, hung 9″, dark hair, 'stache, killer eyes, 100 percent HOT, aggressive top. We know we can have any man we choose... so let's try each other! From buddies to more. Woof! Call ★★7575.

Top Seeks Bottom
If your butt hungers for lots of rimming and condom-covered fucking, your lips for lots of kissing, your body for lots of snuggling, and if you turn on to the thought of having your desires satisfied from time to time during all-night sessions at your place, by a nice-looking, well-hung, warm and affectionate topman who is a GWM, 5′9″, 170, call ★★7976.

This Isn't Easy...
How do you say that a 21-year-old, Latin, brn/brn, semi-athletic, handsome (?) wants someone for dancing, dinner, movies, hanging out, or staying home watching TV. You should be nice (generic, but you understand), funny, smart and happy with yourself. I'm interested in who you are, not what you are. So, if you're a good guy, great! Let's get together. Photo and letter gets same. Reply BT Box MY104B or call ★★7977.

Show Me Your Muscles
And I'll show you mine. This handsome, hairy, hunky guy, 33, wants to explore and admire your hairy, muscular bod. You are 28-38, have dark hair and a hairy chest, and like man-to-man admiration and JO. Maybe we can "work out" together? Describe yourself and your interests by calling ★★7978.

Smart Ass
Musician/composer, 6 ft. & 180 lbs., of 30-year-old me. Youthful (looks about 24, they say). Handsome (so they say). Refined & sophisticated (yeah, right! they say). I seek attractive 18-27 yr. olds, slender & smooth, for friendship/possible relationship, loud/quiet times, tennis, deep conversation, etc. You: politically active—a plus; shy—a plus; glasses—sure; blue contacts—no thanks; Republican—nope; any race a big plus. Be honest. Call ★★7979.

Latin, Asian, Etc.—HIV+
GWM, attractive, hairy, hung, a masculine topman, HIV+, seeks a very smooth, cute/handsome bottom for safe, sexy loving and fun. Me: late 30s, brown/blue/moustache, loving and passionate. You: any race, smooth, HIV+, a real bottom—no nasty vices preferred. You like hairy men & dominant tops—and you know how good it feels. Call ★★7980.

You Were At The Stud, Wednesday, May 13
You wore jeans, white T-shirt and black pendant. You leaned against the column by the pool table. I sat at the other end wearing jeans and a blue and white striped shirt, shocked that you smiled at me. We never got to speak because you were talking to someone, then I was. Then you vanished. I'd like to meet you. Please call ★★7981.

GAM Seeks GAM
Attractive, muscular, hunky, masculine, brawny wants to meet similar for fun in/outdoors. Enjoy: travel, films, Asian culture & languages, exploration and fantasies (i.e., tit play, B&D, massage, safe & sane play). Me: 28, 5′10″, 167 lbs., gym-toned and tanned. You: 145-200 lbs. (See above.) Call and tell me what you like to do. Call ★★7982.

Looking For A Man Who Likes Boys Who Do Drag
I'm not only a cute guy, but also a great-looking female illusionist. I have no interest in having a sex change, so if you can handle that for starters we are on the right track. I'm 26 y.o., 5′6″, 140 lbs., Italian and live in the East Bay. I like men under forty, bi or gay, good-looking, top in bed. Please no drug users. Call ★★7983.

You: Muscles And Lots Of It
Attractive GWM, 23, 5′11″, 150#, br/bl, smooth, uncut 8″ cock, tight butt, slim, seeks dominant, older bodybuilders or very well-built, beefy hunks for good basic sex: I suck you off, you fuck my ass. Safe only. You: 25-48, any race, no beard and preferably smooth. If you want a slave, son or lady, don't waste my time. Call ★★7984.

Let's Get To The Point
Here's what I like: Young men (25-35), fit to athletic, tall and good-looking, short and stocky, inquisitive minds, Stanford basketball, committed relationships, children, education, healthy libidos (at present—mine is underworked and stuck in overdrive), honesty, activity, family, food (it's oral and safe), and sleep (preferably with my buddy). I dislike: the Bush administration, inactive minds and bodies, political apathy, spinach, TV, substance abuse, grafitti and Geraldo. Interested? Give me a call. Call ★★7985.

Mmmm... That Feels Good
Clean/sober GWM, 40, brn/grn, blue, moustache, 5′9″, 150, trim, cut, HIV-, not seeking relationship; just friend(s) for sensual/erotic adventures. I like the feel/look of underwear, spandex, Speedos, leather and having them eased off. Showers for two, nude modeling, strip poker, oil massage; all including slick, slow JO with GM, 35-50, 5′8″+, HIV-, built, developed chest, cut, moustache. No drugs. Any other ideas? Call ★★7986.

From Top To Bottom
The virus hasn't changed my deep blue eyes, set against dark locks and moustache; eyes that admire olive-to-dark brown males. Kisses touching deeply, holding you closer—soft, abundant body hairy brushes your smooth, satin skin. Sensitivity, tenderness, surrender to passion—sensing your pleasure, kisses become dominant, raising temperatures, gaining my entrance. The virus hasn't changed my desire for you—or yours for me. Call ★★7987.

The Love Space Demands
If defines me as a warm, romantic, sensual, healthy, honest and attractive 5′8″, 135 lbs., 37 yr. old GBM. It compels me to fill the void. I know if I find someone who is 25-38, handsome & funny, stable, healthy, trim, and sexually versatile/bottom, it will be at peace. Let's explore life together. We can travel, dance, dine, hold each other, be playful in bed, and make dreams a reality. We will be engulfed by the Love Space eventually, but that is the reward. Reply BT Box MY105B or call ★★7988.

Eurasian Sought
Anglo artist, mid-30s, thin, blond, brown eyes, jeans, occasional goatee, seeking Eurasian or Anglo-Asian only 20-30± for friendship, fun, possible romance. My interests: painting, films, music (hip hop to Bach), books, cafes, quiet evenings spent staring into your eyes. (What is it about the exotic yet boy-next-door look of yours that drives me crazy?) Artist, writer, alternative type a plus. Call ★★7989.

Cuddlebuddies Wanted
Looking to explore various possibilities with interested parties. I'm moderately literate, somewhat musical, usually quiet (but just get me started...). Average in most physical attributes except one (sorry, not that one)—I'm tall. If we decide to go further, I'm an affectionate, mostly vanilla top. You should probably be 6′+ (like me), 25-40 (I'm 35) and a nonsmoker. Intrigue me with your voice. Call ★★7990.

Wantonly Seeking Thick
With broad chest and perspective for Will Robinson type. Call ★★7991.

Handsome, Furry, Bearded!
You are a handsome, furry, maybe bearded, GWM, over 40, proud of who you are, interested in meeting someone similar. I like a man who is honest, has a good sense of humor, values affection, hugs, and intelligence. I am handsome, sensual, hung, bearded; like CW dancing, classical music, live a busy, happy, creative and fulfilling life that I would like to share with someone. Call ★★7992.

23-Year-Old Marine On Steroids
I'm not, but that's how someone recently described me. (I think she was on drugs, or something.) However, I would like to meet someone who does fit that description at least as well as I do. I'm 34, 5′8″, 175 lbs., very good-looking and well-built. You're a similar hot, muscular guy who maybe could pass for a Boy Scout who got stuck on his weightlifting merit badge. Shorter men especially encouraged to write PO Box 14265, SF 94114 or call ★★7993.

QBM, 27 y.o., 145 Lbs., 5′7″, Blk/Brn
Tattoos and piercings, btm/vers. Into sex, music & magick. Looking to explore the limits of the mind and body. You: top/vers., sensitive, intelligent, creative, 25 y.o.-35 y.o. Want same. Be any race, Latin, white a plus. Friend? Lover? Fuck buddy? All of the above!! Call ★★7994.

Who Wants To Have Fun?
I'm tired of dealing with the mundane and insane. It's time to enjoy life more. I'm mid-thirties GWM, attractive, bld, blue and ready to have fun. That would include hiking, biking, camping, theater, films, cooking, etc. Compassionate, passionate, healthy and wise, let's get together and see if sparks fly! Call ★★7995.

Opportunity Knocks
A second time and it's up to you to take advantage of it. I'm a handsome, masculine, healthy, young 42, GWM, 5′8″, 145 lbs., with brown hair and interesting blue eyes. I like sports, to dance, and to laugh. You're healthy, masculine, romantic, adventurous, subtly aggressive, muscular, 30-45, with a good sense of humor. A moustache is a plus. Let's talk and see what develops. Call ★★7996.

Sometimes Just Drifting
Mission District GWM, 23, loves alcohol, cigarettes, piercings, Psychic TV, Bongwater, Residents, Coil, and most anything out of the norm. Not all that interested in club scene—prefer hanging at home and altering the mind and senses. Seeking same, age 21-30. No junkies! Call ★★7997.

Friend Wanted
28, WM, 215 lbs., 6′2″, very good-looking, shy, caring individual with moustache, muscular hairy legs and slight pot belly, help me get in shape. Want gym partner and safe sex partner. Enjoy camping, boating, bicycling, etc. You, 18-32, good-looking, but personality is more important. I'm hot and horny. You won't be disappointed. HIV-. PO Box 53732, San Jose 95153 or call ★★7998.

Tall, Smart And Handsome?
My dream man is tall, redheaded, brilliant, gorgeous, stable and loving. But, this is reality: I'm looking for a man with a brain and a life, relatively chemical-free, who believes in sharing, commitment, normalcy and doesn't play games or have control issues. I'm 34, very handsome, 5′11″, 150#, fit, healthy, live in Contra Costa. Stable but not at all staid, upper middle-class, with eclectic interests and open to new experiences and concepts. I'm educated, travelled, multilingual; looking for someone to learn and grow from and with. Searching for a permanent partner, but new friends are always welcome. If you're around my age, distinctive, meet some of the above, not jaded, and not a barfly (but I love to dance!), why not go for it? Kids are fine. Call ★★7999.

Let's Share Our "Interests"
Former artist, designer, art historian, now office drone, clean/sober, GWM, 40, 5′9″, 150, br/bl, moustache, seeks new friends/buddies (artists, musicians, photographers, writers) in SF to rekindle/share/develop interests. Not an "intellectual" but intelligent, sensitive, spiritual but worldly. More Sweet Inspiration than Cafe Flore. Enjoy 2-stepping, walks, correspondence, simple art projects, reading, art nouveau, Jeopardy, Polish culture, home. Wanna have tea? Call ★★8000.

ABC (Asians, Blacks, Caucasians)
WM seeks males who, like myself, are clean, HIV-, no drugs, considerate. I am slender, young outlook, mature at heart, 5′8″, 150, don't smoke, OK if you do, social drinker. Smooth-skinned Vietnamese, Filipinos and other Asians are a turn-on as well as top, hung Caucasians and Blacks. I live near Oakland. Photo/phone if possible. Married OK. PO Box 5294, Pleasanton 94566 or call ★★8001.

Marin Bear
Long wet kisses, playful eager tongue, cuddling the night away, endless sleepovers, sensual hibernation and much more offered by educated working artist, WM, 38 yrs., 6′, 240#, nonsmoker, HIV-, with irreverent sense of humor, strong sense of reality, seeking WM, stable, honest, reliable and non-addicted, for fun, games and passionate adventures. PO Box 269, Mill Valley 94942 or call ★★8002.

Body And Soul
Attracted to smooth, good-looking Asian, Latin, Italian or ?, 20-35, but also seeking just-friends or more serious Partner: easy-going and casual lifestyle, quiet nights at home or ?, no heavy bar scene, ethnic food, Moderate-Christian or ?, music (Bolton, Vandross, Sade, jazz, gospel, etc.), Twilight Zone, Stephen King, Kierkegaard, philosophy, Chaplin, The Far Side, Limbaugh, Falcon/Bjorn video-fantasy, etc. I'm WM, 29, 5′9″, 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking... Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★8003.

Hunky, Ex-Football Jock
Tall, handsome, mid-30s, sharp, smart, sexy, blond, warmhearted and romantically inclined, looking for natural, masculine-acting men with brains and a positive attitude. Object: Dating, new friends, hot times and possible relationship. Let's connect, guys! Reply BT Box MY106B or call ★★8004.

Young Bondage Enthusiast
GWM student looking for others to age 35 for safe, sane, secure and erotic bondage. I am especially interested in cleanshaven Asian, Latin and white guys to play mutually or I can be a top. I am relatively new at this but have lots of toys. Mummification and immobilization using leather, rubber or iron are my interests. No SM or torture. Let's play! Reply BT Box MY107B or call ★★8005.

Muscular, Hairy Legs
Are the ultimate turn-on for this classy, brainy, handsome, smooth, muscular 6′ blond. I'm HIV-, exclusively oral, looking for a fit, confident, intelligent, HIV- man who is excessively hairy below the waist, who loves getting head, loves getting his hairy legs licked, a man with an inventive mind and who is verbal about his sexual desires and gets off on the fetishism of this ad. Safe sex only. Call ★★8006.

Body Wisdom/Emotional Aliveness
I am a 37 y.o. HIV+, handsome, healthy, creative, energetic, nature boy, Marin resident, professional bodyworker/artist in loving relationship. Aware that my partner cannot be everything for me. Need to diversify & taste the spice of life. Seeking intimate friends for touch, playfulness, massage, laughter, depthful conversations, hot/sensual sex & outdoor adventures. Let's dance! Call ★★8007.

Simple Pleasures
GWM, 32, with good looks and a good heart seeks another GM for friendship, fun and maybe more. I'm fairly laid back, sensitive and sincere. Live in Contra Costa County, work in SF. Like spending time under a blue sky and sunshine, putting weekend miles on my car, animals, and KKSF type music. I'm tall, in good shape, and enjoy leading a "balanced" life... you should too. Where shall we go from here? Reply BT Box MY108B or call ★★8008.

Hairy High & Low
Very good-looking (or so I've been told) GWM: 5′9″, 165#, black hair, blue eyes, 52 yrs. young, with gym-toned hairy chest and back. NS, HIV-, cute UC dick, nice ass, great legs and pointy tits. Get along best with guys somewhat younger (20s to 40s) who are tops in bed. I am an ex-teacher turned PC analyst with great sense of humor. To suck and fuck send photo and phone number to Hairy, Market Street Mailhouse, 2215-R Market St., #169, SF 94114. (No photo, no reply. If you want photo returned, send self-addressed stamped envelope to above address.)

Young JO Buddy Wanted
I'm a friendly, intelligent, disease-free WM, 40, with a good sense of humor. I'm interested in friendship and light safe sex with a young guy(s). I'm into JO, mutual masturbation, etc. I also like to watch two guys (and/or gals) get it on. You're friendly, disease-free, responsible. Pluses for very young (18-30), skinny, smooth, student. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★8009.

Independent, Idealistic And Romantic
Does someone unusual and intriguing, not prone to labels, who's also a gorgeous WM, Euro-preppy-looking nice guy, sound good? Because of the way I look and come across, I'm told I seem very sure of myself, when as often as not I feel as shy and defensive as the next person. If you're a sweet, great-looking (it matters) guy, who comes to life because of what's on the inside as well as outside, I'd like to meet. Am interested in warmth, sensuality, vulnerability. Could care less how many days you spend pumping, if any. Just have a nice, natural body to match your spirit. Looking for a best friend, someone to grow "young" with. If super-sensitivity is the name of your game, let's hook up. Sincere, HIV- only. Call ★★8010.

Intimate Sexship Wanted With
Submissive, worshipful slave: 30s-60s; great smile; intense eyes. Compatible attitude more important than looks. Plays off Master's needs: To be served quietly, given erotic cocksucking for extended periods. Master: Clean, sober. Produces nasty, sweaty play parties. 48, 5′10″, 200#. Blue eyes; s&p hair, moustache, stubble. Masculine, dominant nature. Very certain of what I want and with whom. Good mix of dirty talk, SM, kink, raunch. Call ★★8011.

Asian Treasure!
In this treasure chest you'll find a youthful, warm, loving 40-year-old Asian, 5′6″, 155, HIV-; loves swimming, movies and some outdoor activities. This Asian is looking for educated professional

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GWM, 35-40, who is sincere, healthy, attractive and loving person for friendship and possible relationship. Call ★★8012.

Kriss Krossed?

Me: BM, 30, 5′11″, 150. You: WM, 21-30, in-shape. I'm sort of cool but you're totally cool. You're somewhat stern with a bad-boy attitude, into rock and/or rap. Skateboarders/baseball cap wearers a plus. I'm straight-acting and discreet. Show me the way. Word. Call ★★8013.

Lick You In Leather

Your smooth body in a jockstrap, harness, armbands; my hot tongue covering every inch of your body. Other interests: Bondage, toys, WS, shaving, groups, partying. New to this but very eager. Me: Good-looking, 28 y.o. GWM. You: Good-looking, smooth, 20s-30s, with equipment/toys and place to play. Couples encouraged. Tell me what you want. Call ★★8014.

Intimacy

GWM, s&p hair & beard, 43 y.o., HIV-, smoker, 158#, 5′10″, attractive, kinky and cuddly, seeks another attractive GM for relationship of emotional and physical intimacy. Enjoy leather, S/M. Mostly top but enjoy the switch from dominance to submission during play. You: mature 24 to youthful 45, HIV-, alcohol/drug-free, relationship-seeker. Call ★★8015.

Visceral Thought

I'm looking for a man with the sense to know he wants a relationship and the guts to go for it. Your career and interests aren't nearly as important as who you are. We're both strong (mentally and physically), gentle, quiet, loud, patient, active, impatient, social, insular and secure. I'm a humorous, muscular, expressive, mid-forties GBM. Pick up that pen and share your vision of the truth... and yourself. Reply BT Box MY109B.

Kinky Party Dudes

GWM, mid-30s, masculine, well-built, seeks others into partying, fantasies, kinky games, role-plays. Dominance/submission, 3-ways, sleaze, bondage, toys—let me know what you're up for. Let's get down and wild together. Call ★★8016.

Searching

For a friend or something more. GWM, 47, 5′6″, 150, bottom, looking for Asian around same age. Someone to share time with and grow to know. I am professional, discreet, have varied interests. Perhaps if we both take the time to take a chance something very good with grow from this. All replies respected and answered. Call ★★8017.

Holding You In My Arms, Cocks Erect

Looking deep into your eyes. I tell you I love you. We kiss. Passions build. Our bodies entwined, I slip into your hungry hole.... Together we may also enjoy: The beach, hikes, art, movies, games, etc. We are attractive, intelligent, communicative, HIV-, in good shape, and very affectionate. I'm 38, 5′7″, 135 lbs., blond, and happily unemployed. You are around my age, maybe younger and ready for a great relationship. Call ★★8018.

Seeking Powerful Lover

Tame me... and you will possess me! Your youthful, muscular body totally engulfs me, leaving me helpless in your embrace, submissive and worshipful. I attempt in vain to escape your wrestling and martial arts holds but totally submit to your overpowering strength. Our private experience is an endless stream of creativity, intensity, sharing and fun. But you are in control! Your captive is a handsome, masculine, youthful 44 y.o. GWM professional who has achieved much and has much to share with a quality younger man. At 5′10″ and 170 lbs. I possess a hard, muscular body with good definition due to intense work-outs with weights and aerobics. My waist is 32″ and chest is 42″. We both have many cultural, athletic and other interests in common, are HIV-, nonsmokers, and seek a lifemate, not just a sex partner. Our shared, private fantasy can be the first step toward a unique and lasting relationship. If interested send letter, photo. Reply BT Box MY110B or call ★★8019.

Here I Am

GBM seeks GWM, 27-45. I'm 6′, 250 lbs., medium build. I have short, black hair, brown eyes, HIV-. I like tall men with a nice big or small frame. I like camping, bike riding, shopping, cooking fancy meals and going to the movies. I'm a non-drinker & nonsmoker. You should be also. I'm over one-night stands, want to date men who like me and are open to a long-term relationship. If you are serious, give me a call or write me a letter. Reply BT Box MY111B or call ★★8020.

Let's Get Together

Athletic, professional, Asian, 44, 5′9″, seeking a similar, in-shape, clean-cut, white male. We enjoy workouts, outdoors, camping, cultural arts, vintage rock 'n' roll and classical music, dining out, traveling and gardening. Able to develop a symbiotic friendship with a sense of humor and warm heart leading to an intimate relationship. Photo (returned) to Box 27024, SF 94127.

Massage Exchange

Interested in serious weekly exchange. Experienced amateur masseur desires to give and receive nurturing, deep healing massage with gay man. Call ★★8021.

Black Wants Black

Attractive, sex-loving GBM, 5′9″, 145#, 39 y.o., passionate, honest, caring, sensuous, intelligent, full-time artist, nonsmoker, HIV+, healthy, endowed, versatile, fun-loving, into hiking, camping, travel, metaphysics, reading, dancing, music and art. Looking for intimate friendship and good times. Call ★★8022.

If You Can Handle An...

Extroverted, BS-intolerant, slightly abrasive, nonsmoking, omnivore, morning person, agnostic, HIV-, boyishly handsome/cute, 6′, 145, wavy dark blond hair, blue eyes, full lips, nice smile, French, Dutch and Polish ancestry, smooth, cleanshaven, very affectionate and sensual; enjoys deep, passionate kissing, travel, Eartha Kitt, showers, Frangelico, "Are You Being Served?," comediennes, the Scandinavian Deli; and are a GWM, 24-30, smart, affectionate, emotionally available, responsible, non- or light-drinking, nonsmoking, HIV-, who is comfortable with his sexuality and has time to date, then call! Will return all calls. SF preferred. (P.S.: I'm 20.) Reply BT Box MY112B or call ★★8023.

Marin County

Resident wants to know where the rest of the cute, friendly single gay men are in my neighborhood. There must be a few *SF Bay Times* readers who hang out at the square in downtown Mill Valley. If you're wondering where to meet some other youngish guys to hang out with to discuss politics or cruise the crowd at the Depot, then so am I. I'm mid-30s, cleanshaven, long haired, music industry and media type, easy-going, educated, independent and tired of crossing the bridge to find a gay community. If there's so many of us in Marin, then where's everybody hiding? Reply BT Box MY113B or call ★★8024.

Diffuse Life-Lover Needs Focus

Lean and lively 53, eager to inter-everything with another GWM, especially on Mother Nature's lake-strewn and stream-lined skin, and especially in the warm comforts of hearth and home, and very especially with our ideas, our hot new exciting ideas and our fine dreams, and again and especially with all our parts anywhere we can get away with it. Yes, I'm 6′1″, 165, HIV-, and have healthy but fun habits. Call ★★8025.

Hip, Honest & Loyal

All-American looks: Dk bl/bl, very handsome young guy in good shape seeks fun, very hip (not trendy) young guy, 24-32, w/nice build, cleanshaven or goatee, who likes rock 'n' roll, going to the clubs sometimes, laughing and at times living a bit on the edge. Must be confident, creative, employed and ready to be challenged emotionally, sexually and intellectually. If you think you're different & not superficial (but still hot), call me now! We will have fun & hot sex if we're compatible. This is not for the lame or squeamish. Call ★★8026.

Available

Abstract, accessible, acquisitive, activist, adaptable, adequate, adventurous, aesthetic, affectionate, agile, agreeable, alchemist, alert, alive, alternative, altruistic, ambitious, amiable, amoral, amusive, analytical, animated, Apollonian, approachable, archer (astrologically), ardent, arousing, articulate, artistic, assemblagist, assertive, assured, athletic, attractive, atypical, audacious, auricular, authentic, avant-garde, aware, azygos (single).... Well! Enough Webster's. GWM, 28, 6′2″, 170#, long br/br. Call ★★8027.

Cute Younger Top Wanted

Me: Very attractive, professional, younger looking/acting, mid-30s, HIV-, brown/brown, 6′2″, 185#, cleanshaven, butch (people assume I'm top... not usually), and I like being physically active, food, movies, art, travel, late dancing, sex (vanilla/leather) and my best match (You): Very good-looking, active too, fun but responsible, healthy (body/mind), well-endowed (ditto), cleanshaven. Strong legs a plus. Friendship? Relationship? Reply/photo to Boxholder, #551, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★8028.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: May 29 for June 4

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through July 21. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ **Women** ☐ **Men** ☐ **Bisexual** ☐ **Social Groups** ☐ **Shared Interests**

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

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_____ ☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00

☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:

____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . ____

☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . ____

☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . ____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . ____

____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . ____

Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . ____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, MAY 29

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

FREE PERSONAL AD!

A FREE 70-WORD VOICE MAIL PERSONAL AD FOR SPRING!

Free Bay Times Voice Mail Personals Continue

Due to the newsrack thefts of the May 7 issue, many of our personal advertisers have expressed concern that their ad in the last issue wasn't seen by our usual group of readers. To compensate our advertisers, we are extending our offer to take out a free Voice Mail personal ad. We'll even make sure it appears in a pre-Parade issue.

If your ad is longer than 70 words, please include the extra 15 cents for each word over 70 words. If you want a Bay Times Mail Reply Box as well as voice mail, please add the additional $7 (to pick up your mail in our office) or $11 (for weekly mail forwarding), as printed on the coupon on the facing page.

As always, if you have any questions about our voice mail system, please don't hesitate to call Greta at the Bay Times, at (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10 am until 6 pm.

We know it's free, but we think it's pretty valuable.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Bay Times

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"The loss of free speech

is regrettable, but it is a

cheap price to pay."

Police Chief Richard Hongisto
Saturday, May 2, 1992
Quoted in the San Francisco Examiner

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